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REGULATIONS FOR CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

Any resident of Southbridge is entitled to take books from the Library on subscribing to the regulations.

Persons temporarily resident may take books provided they furnish sufficient guarantee or make a deposit of two dollars, which sum shall be returned upon the return of the card to the Library.

The borrower's card must be presented when a book is drawn, returned, or renewed.

Notice of the loss of a card must be left at the Library a week before a new card will be given out. Or, a lost card will be replaced at once upon the payment of 5 cents.

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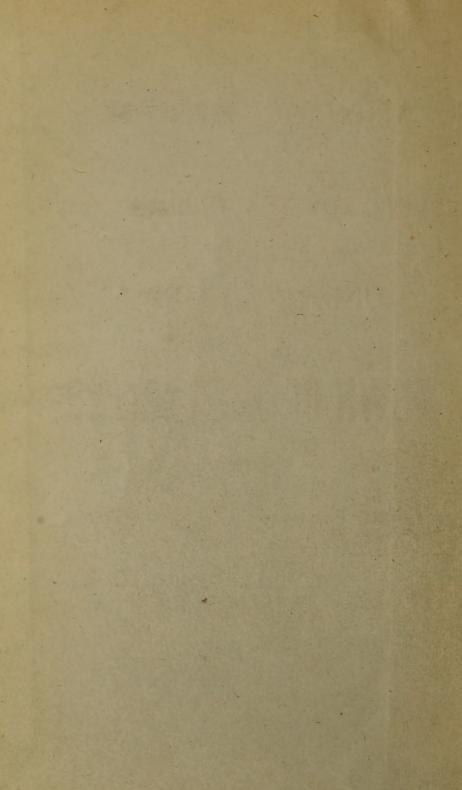
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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

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TOWN OFFICERS.

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OF THE

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1896.

SOUTHBRIDGE:
HERALD STEAM BOOK PRINT.
1896.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1895=6.

TREASURER.
JOHN A. HALL.

CLERK.
EDGAR M. PHILLIPS.

SELECTMEN.

THOMAS SANDERS, JOSEPH M. OLNEY, O. B. E. CHIPMAN.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

CALVIN A. PAIGE. H. A. MORSE, FELIX GATINEAU.

ASSESSORS.

FRANKLIN JACOBS. S. K. EDWARDS. V. W. LAMOUREUX.

AUDITORS .-

WM. A. BOYD, WM. T. ROBINSON, JOHN A. WHITTAKER.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

 ISAAC P. HYDE,
 Term Expires 1896

 F. X. TETRAULT,
 Term Expires 1896

 J. B. DRENNAN,
 Term Expires 1897

 SILVANUS HAYWARD,
 Term Expires 1898

 GEORGE M. LOVELL.
 Term Expires 1898

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

JOSEPH A. ALLARD,	-		-		-		-	Term Expires 1896
GEORGE GRANT, -		-		-		-		Term Expires 1896
GEORGE M. LOVELL,	-		-		, -		-	Term Expires 1896
FRED E. CORBIN, -		-		-		-		Term Expires 1897
FRANK C. LITCHFIELD,	-		-		-		- :	Term Expires 1897
JOHN M. COCHRAN, -		-		-		-		Term Expires 1897
J. EDWARD CLEMENCE,	-		-		-		~	Term Expires 1898
JOHN B. DRENNAN, -		-		-		-		Term Expires 1898
C. C. BRADFORD,	7		-		-		-	Term Expires 1898

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

LUTHER S. AMMIDOWN,	-				-		Term Expires 1896
ALONZO W. OLDS, -				-		-	Term Expires 1896
T. JEROME HARRINGTON,	-		-		-		Term Expires 1897
SAMUEL WILLIAMS, -		-		-		-	Term Expires 1897
FRANK P. PRATT, -	-		-		-		Term Expires 1898
CALVIN A. PAIGE,		-		-		-	Term Expires 1898

CONSTABLES.

PIERRE CAPLETTE,	
A. M. HIGGINS,	
HOSEA E. WELD.	

M. L. DILLABER, WM. SANDERS,

J. S. DRESSER, WM. A. SEAVEY,

SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS.

GEORGE L. CLEMENCE,	- 15	-	-	-	Term Expires 1896
C. FRED HILL,		_	-/ /	-11	Term Expires 1897
ISAAC P. HYDE, -	-	-	-	-	Term Expires 1898

FIRE ENGINEERS.

CHAS. P. PHIPPS, Chief. GEO. J. LAMOUREUX,

CHAS. F. MARBLE, B. C. STONE, PATRICK FLYNN.

POLICE OFFICERS.

ASA M. MORSE,
L. N. DUQUETTE,
LIBERTY REYNOLDS,
AUGUSTUS LOOMIS,
JAMES MONROE,
WM. O'HALLORAN,
W. J. DOUTY,

BRADFORD C. STONE, D. S. DOUGHERTY, GEO. J. LAMOUREUX, THOMAS TROY, SOUVERAIN ROBERT, CHARLES CURTIN, LAWRENCE SMITH. S. T. CUTTING.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

W. D. MORSE, GEO. W. COREY.

STREET COMMISSIONER. AUSTIN H. SHEPARD.

TOWN COUNSEL. JOHN M. COCHRAN.

TAX COLLECTOR. JOSEPH M. OLNEY.

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK. JOEL W. MARBLE.

KEEPER OF LOCK-UP. LIBERTY REYNOLDS.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. N. E. PUTNEY.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

CHARLES HYDE. H. A. MORSE, P. N. LECLAIR, FELIX LECLAIR. F. D. DRESSER, V. W. LAMOUREUX, ALEX. SIMPSON.

HENRY D. MASON, WM. D. MORSE. J. E. CLEMENCE. JOHN RYAN, E. C. ELLIS. H. B. DRESSER.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

WM. A. SEAVEY, AUGUSTUS DANIELS. WM. BOOTH, F. E. RANDALL,

WM. SEAVEY. E. C. ELLIS, E. I. KNOWLES, HENRY D. MASON.

FENCE VIEWERS.

HENRY A. MORSE, JAMES BROWN, GEO. L. CLEMENCE.

FIELD DRIVERS.

DIST. 1. J. W. SMYTHE,

DIST. 3. B. W. PATON,

DIST. 5. WM. SANDERS,

DIST. 7. A. J. CLARKE.

DIST. 2. WILLARD P. MORSE,

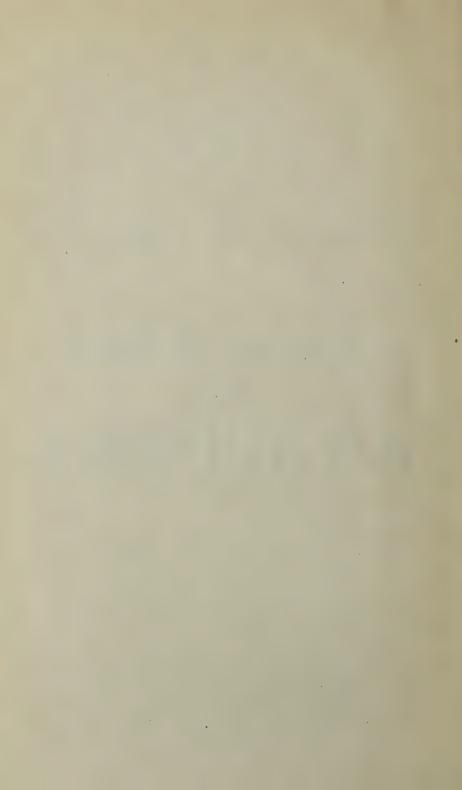
DIST. 4. ROMAYNE BOARDMAN,

DIST. 6. SILAS B. MORSE,

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AUDITORS.



THE ACCOUNT

OF THE

TOWN TREASURER.

JOHN A. HALL, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Southbridge, for the year ending February 29, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1895,			\$2.808	39
Due from S. S. Perry, Collector, 1884,			821	96
Due from J. M. Olney. Collector, 1894,				05
Tax bill of 1895:				
County tax,	\$3,804	00		
State tax,	2,445	00		
Bank tax, non-residents,	2,281	05		
Center watch district tax and overlayings,	1,936	08		
Overlayings on taxes,	355			
			10.821	41
Outside poor,	6,500	00		
Highways.	6,000	()()		
Street lights.	5,300	()()		
Interest,	4,200	()/)		
High school,	3,100	00		
Town hall special note,	3,000	00		
Fire department,	2,700	00		
Salaries,	2,700	00		
Sinking fund,	2,500	00		
Macadamizing Main street,	2,500	00		
Contingent schools.	2,450	00		
Sidewalk repairs.	2.000	00		

Contingent expenses,	\$2,000	00		
New engine house,	2,000	00		
Engine men,	1,910	00		
Support poor,	1,800	$0 \\ 0$		
Abatement taxes.	1,500	00		
Public library,	1,500	00		
Water Supply,	1,400	00		
Repairs police station,	1,200	00		
Sewer note,	1,095	00		
Marcy street school house lot note,	1,000	00		
War relief,	1,000	00		
Town hall contingent,	1,000	00		
Cemetery improvements,	900	()()		
Insurance,	800	()()		
Printing,	800	00		
District court fees.	700	00		
Railing highways,	500	00		
Repairs farm buildings.	300	00		
Police station,	250	00		
Bridges.	200	00		
Militia.	200	00		
Police duty.	200	00		
School apparatus.	200	00		
State aid,	200	()()		
Rebuilding culvert between W. H. H.	[.			
Cheney's and Geo. Mansfield's,	150	00		
Electrician,	150	00		
Memorial day,	100	00		
Gravel sidewalk, Charlton road,	100	00		
Markers, graves of revolutionary soldiers,	100	00		
Electric arc light, corner of Lens and Bene	-			
fit streets,	78	50		
16 1 11			\$66,283	
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	10.344	0.4	30,000	00
State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	10,211			
State pauper account,	1,228	47		

State aid,	\$772	00		
Armory rent.	300	00		
Bank tax.	219			
-			\$ 12,732	
Liquor licenses,			9,103	
Sewer assessments,			2.255	58
Mortgage note, cemetery fund,			1,000	00
Corporation tax, sinking fund,			748	28
County Treasurer, dog fund,			674	54
Cemetery fund,			790	0.0
Transfer from high school account to To	wn F	lall		
contingent,			500	()()
Interest cemetery fund,			314	33
Produce sold.			293	77
Tuition fees,			229	09
Williamsburg, account Mrs. H. L.				
Witherell,		00		
Worcester, account Daniel Shaw,	52	()()		
Sturbridge, account Mrs. Paul Phaneuf,	35	00		
Worcester, account Mrs. Chas. Burroughs,	8	00		
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Town Hall rental.			170	
James Monroe, support of wife at hospital,			169	
Warren, account war relief,			159	
Licenses,			118	
Brick sold,			105	-
Grading cemetery lots and grass sold,			103	
Public library, cards, fines, etc.,				22
Old engine house rental,			45	
Interest Mary Mynott fund,				20
City Institution, Lowell, interest fund,				00
Tar barrels sold,				70
Books and school materials sold,				88
Loam sold,				00
District Court fees,				00
Repairs private sidewalks,			22	50

Police station repairs,	\$8	50
Old plank sold,		00
	\$145 ,388	19
EXPENDITURES.		
Common schools,	\$11,208	79
Highways,	8,377	49
Street lights,	5,949	28
Outside poor,	4,937	47
Interest,	4,356	74
County tax,	3,804	00
High school,	3,092	75
Fire department,	2,883	05
Macadamizing Main street,	2,600	00
Contingent schools,	2,516	37
State tax,	2,445	00
Sidewalk repairs,	2,376	70
State treasurer, liquor licenses,	2,275	75
Bank tax,	2,258	17
Salaries,	2,210	55
Public library,	2,102	63
Support poor,	2,058	74
Contingent expenses,	2,007	70
Engine men.	1,910	00
Center watch district,	1,812	16
Abatement taxes,	1,425	87
Water supply,	1,400	00
Town hall contingent,	1,213	09
Cemetery improvement,	1,189	42
Repairs police station,	1,183	32
War relief,	1,156	
Insurance,	854	
State aid,	780	
Printing,	715	
Militia,	700	09

Evening schools,	8639 18
Police station contingent,	425 28
Railing highways,	421 09
Police duty,	220 00
School apparatus,	203 11
Specifications, new Grammar school,	190 00
Bridges,	151 37
District court,	150 85
Electrician,	150 00
Rebuilding culvert between W. H. H. Cheney's and	
Geo. Mansfield's,	141 30
Military aid,	120 00
Memorial day,	100 00
Sidewalk, Charlton road,	100 00
Sewers,	69 37
Markers, graves of Revolutionary soldiers,	()() ()()
Repairs farm buildings,	45 74
New engine house.	20 75
Mary Mynott fund,	9 41
Banquet room, Town hall,	3 50
Money deposited in savings banks,	7,121 00
Town hall special note,	3,000 00
Sewer notes,	1,095 00
Marcy street school house lot note,	1.000 00
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	30,000 00
Cash in treasury March 2, 1896, \$10,909 18	
Due from J. M. Olney, collector 1895, 6,417 91	
Due from S. S. Perry, collector 1884, 821 96	
	\$18,149 05

\$145,388 19

Obligations Outstanding Feb. 29, 1896.

Bonds Town Hall loan, dated July 1, 1888, payable
April 1, 1898, interest 4 per cent.. \$65,000 00

TOWN HALL SPECIAL.

Southbridge	Savings	bank,	payable	March 1, 1896,	\$3000 00
	MARCY	STRE	ет всно	OL-HOUSE LOT.	
Southbridge "	Savings "	bank,	payable "	Oct. 1, 1896, Oct. 1, 1897,	1,000 00 1,000 00
		NEW 1	ENGINE	HOUSE.	
Southbridge	Savings	bank,	payable	July 7, 1899,	2000 00
			SEWER.		
Southbridge	Savings	bank,	payable	Oct. 1, 1896,	\$1,095 00
	"	+6		Oct. 1, 1897,	1,095 00
**	44	66	66	Oct. 1, 1898,	
• 6		66	66	Oct. 1, 1899,	
46	66	66	66	Oct. 1, 1900,	
66	66	66	66	Oct. 1, 1901,	
"		**	66	Oct. 1, 1902,	1,095 00
4.	•6	-6	66	Oct. 1, 1903,	1,095 00
46	66	66	44	Oct. 1, 1904,	,
	4.	66	66	Oct. 1, 1905,	
4.	66	66	66	Oct. 1, 1906,	
46	66	66	66	Oct. 1, 1907,	,
44	66	66	66	Oct. 1, 1908,	
44	66	66	66	Oct. 1, 1909,	1,095 00
46	66		66	Oct. 1, 1910,	
**	.6	66		Oct. 1, 1911,	1,095 00

\$90,070 00

550 00

APPROPRIATIONS AND MATURING OBLIGATIONS TO BE PROVID-ED FOR IN THE TAX LEVY OF 1896.

Oet. 1, 1912,

Sewer note due Oct. 1, 1896, \$1,095 00 Highways, appropriated November meeting, 1,400 00

Marcy street school-house lot, not Oct. 1, 1896,	\$1,000 00) - \$3,495	00
FINANCIAL CONDITION	MARCH 1, 1896.		
Town Hall bonds. Sewer notes, Marcy street school-house lot note, New Engine House note, Less sinking fund,	\$65,000 00 18,070 00 2,000 00 2,000 00	87,070 58,103	01
Net debt, Assessed valuation,		\$28,966 9,558,457	

Population, census 1895, 8250.

Balance of Accounts February 29, 1896.

	70,000			1.631	
School houses.	20,000 (5,000	
Cemetery,	10,000 6			1.103	
Public library.	3 (NH) (5,070	
Steamers.	8,000 (00		7.994	
Engine houses.	5.000 ()()		1,904	
Farm.	5,000 (00		1.823	95
Hose,	5,000 (00		1,035	(3()
Lamp posts.	2,500 (00	S. S. & B. Railroad.	925	00
Police station,	2,500 (00	Dog fund,	674	54
Hook and ladder trucks,	2,000 (()()	Enforcement liquor law.	655	84
School furniture.	1,600 (00	Town hall confingent.	643	14
Hose corriges	1,1500	163	t maingent expens s.	5-1;	46
Hearse house,	1.000	00	Common schools.	585	86
Hearse.	200	00	Center watch district.	571	58
Road scraper.	1.50	00	District Court fees.	476	13
Fire engine.	100	00	High school.	453	29
Personal property.	3,581	54	Salaries,	443	85
Cash,	10,909	18	Specifications, new gram-		
Deposits in Savings Bks.	66,202	26	mar school,	410	00
I V. (Oney tollegror, "5			War relief.	201-	1
S. S. Perry Collector, SI			State aid.	334	31
Se Wille	13,511		Repairs farm buildings,	321	()-2
H' hwa -	2.015.5		Interest.	1117	1747
Malicy of Second house in.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	15.)	Street lights.	195	17
New engine house.	1,991	50	Military aid,	152	()()
Mortgage note,	500	()()	Public library.	159	81
Sidewalk repairs.	262	62	Electrician,	150	00
Fire department.	171		Militia,	149	93
Insurance.	1.56		Support poor,	142	89
Police station contingent	. 116	93	Printing.	123	58
Mattermetit toxes.	7 - 1		Special school house repairs	. 128	32
			Railing highways	126	:34
			Dailges.	**	
			Markers, graves of revolu-		
			tionary soldiers,	10	()()
			Contingent schools.	25	-)-)
			Bank tax.	23	52
			Banquet room town hall.	19	150
			Repairs police station.	1:5	11
			Repairing culvert, W. H.		
			H. Cheney.		20
			Cemetery improvements.	7	64
			School apparatus.	6	45
			Evening schools,	+	71

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CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Cemetery Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895, \$7,204 25 Received from Samuel Williams. Superintendent, for sale of lots and perpetual care. 790 00

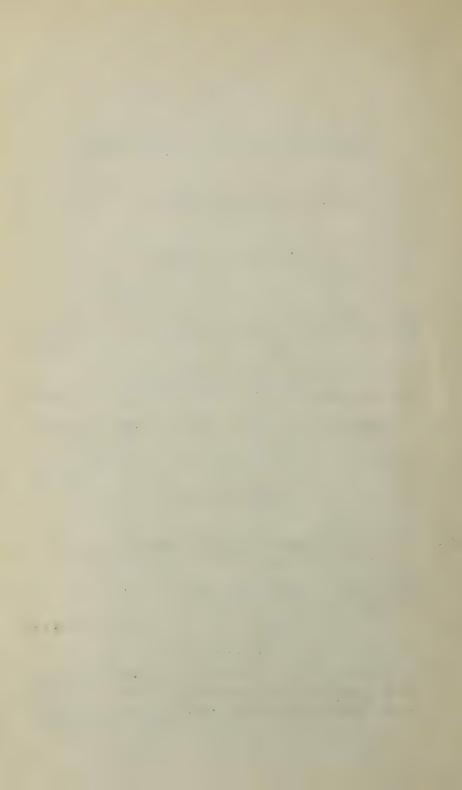
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896.

87,994 25

Cemetery Improvements.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,	\$800	()()		
Interest from Cemetery Fund,	314	33		
Samuel Williams, work grading lots, etc.,	103	50		
-			\$1,217	83
EXPENDITURES.				
Account overdrawn March 1, 1895.	\$20	77		
Samuel Williams, pay roll for men and				
teams, supplies. shrubs, plants and				
use of boat,	933	47		
Wm. H. Clarke, piping, fixtures and labor,	147	35		
Samuel Williams, services as Superintend-				
ent to May 1, 1896,	100	00		
Newton E. Putney, repairing tools,	4	00		
Geo. S. Stone Co., repairing tools,	3	35		
Robinson & Dougherty, printing.	1	25		
-		_	\$1,210	19
				_
Balance to credit of account March 1.	1896.		* 7	64



LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Mynott Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895, \$1,004 81 Interest on Fund, Jan. 1, 1896. 40 20 - \$1.045 01

EXPENDITURES.

Estes & Lauriat, for books,

\$9 41

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896, \$1,035 60

Public Library.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895.	*124	41	
	1,500		
Dog fund, 1894,	538	81	
From Librarian for fines, cards, etc	97	90	
For books returned.	1	32	
			\$2,262

EXPENDITURES.

H. H. Stanley, services and expenses.	*805	16
Books, papers, magazines and bindings,	692	45
G. M. Lovell, services self and assistants.	179	23

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S. G. & E. Co., gas and electric light,	\$190	02		
S. G. & E. Co., wiring reading room.	33	62		
E. C. Ellis, coal,	4.5	27		
O. J. Aldrich, labor,	35	66		
J. Booth & Co., painting.	27	80		
W. H. Clarke, stove,	21	79		
Library Bureau, supplies,	21	18		
Journal Co., printing catalogue,	15	50		
W. P. Plimpton, wood,	4	50		
J. M. Cochran, postage.	3	00		
Ellam & Grant, printing,	5	00		
Robinson & Dougherty, printing,	3	75		
American Library Association Membership.	5	00		
C. S. Ayres, stool,		70		
Peter Caplette, labor,	3	00		
E. M, Phillips, Simplex Copier,	7	50		
Monroe, Carter Co., labor on clock.	1	50		
1-			\$2,102 t);)
Balance to credit of account March 1,	1896.		8159 8	31

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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Outside Poor.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895, \$184	49
Appropriation at annual meeting. 5.000	
State Treasurer, support of paupers. 1.228	47
James Monroe, support of wife. 169	46
Town of Williamsburg, aid Helen L. With-	
erell. 84	OO
Town of Sturbridge, aid Mrs. Paul Phaneuf. 35	
City of Worcester, aid David Shaw, 52	ÜÜ
Mrs. Chas. Burroughs. S	aq

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EXPENDITURES.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital, support of		
Josephine Lavallee.	\$1~1	.73
Catherine Tinan.	169	46
Hendrick L. Smith.	169	46
Mary Kavanaugh.	169	46
Edward H. Hill.	169	46
Annie Monroe.	169	40
Thomas Boyle.	169	46
J. W. Ryan,	169	46
Minnie Stone.	169	46
James Minns.	169	46
John Brogan,	169	46

W. H. Wilson,

\$74 58

Emma E. Langevin,	68 70	
Nazarine Lamont,	26 00	
	-	\$2,045 41
Felix Gatineau, goods delivered to	9	
Mrs. Leon Demers,	144 00	
Herbert Lovely,	114 00	
Leon Dupre,	.76 00	
M. Daignault,	72 00	
Mrs. L. W. Parker,	58 00	
Mrs. Adelord Brouthers,	42 00	
Mrs. Joseph Daignault,	40 00	
Mrs. Louis St. Onge,	34 00	
· Udel Lovely,	30 00	
Adelord Brouthers,	21 00	
Joseph Brouillard,	21 00	
Mrs. Fred Giroux,	20 00	
Mrs. Louis St. Onge,	18 00	
Michel Lovely,	13 75	
Noel Lavallee,	12 00	
Mrs. Victor Stone,	11 00	
Fred Giroux, _	10 00	
Jere Mominee, Jr.,	8 00	
Frank Therien,	r = r = 6.00	
Paul Laplante,	5 00	
Paul Phaneuf,	5 00	
Collis Rock,	3 00	
	disconnectable back statement	\$763 75
J. & T. Ryan, goods delivered to		
Honora O'Brien.	78.00	
Mary O'Brien,	78 00	
Mrs. Patrick Horrigan,	67 00	
James Brown,	52 00	
Mrs. James Gargan,	42 00	
,		\$317 00

P. H. Carpenter Co., goods delivered to		
Helen Witherell,	\$73 00	
Mrs. L. W. Parker,	48 00	
Mrs. Clement Ridell,	20 00	
Mrs. John Lavallee,	19 00	
Jeffre Leduc,	12 00	
L. G. Champagne,	8 00	
Louis Brissette,	4 00	
Joseph Lavallee,	3 00	
		\$187 00
Joseph Peloquin, goods delivered to		
George Lamont,	138 00	
Alphonse Demo,	55 00	
John Grenier,	20 00	
Mrs. Wm. Julian,	8 00	
John Bodia,	3 00	
		\$224 00
P. N. LeClair, goods delivered to		
J. B. Reno.	\$104 00	
Mrs. C. Lusignan,	60 00	
Edward Tremblay,	- 10 00	
Andrew Bird,	7 00	
Mrs. Frank Savary,	4 00	
		\$185 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, suppo	ort of	
John Coldrick, at state farm,		146 00
F. X. Lariviere, coffin and robe,		
Mrs. Joseph Goderre,	\$20 00	
Pierre Gagnon,	· · 15 00	
Adelord Brouthers,	· · · · 15 00	
John B. Lamont,	15 00	
George Lamont,	r - 15 00	
Mrs. Albert Perry.	15 00	

Savory child, A. Gauthier's child, Dr. A. J. McCrea, town physician, Liberty Reynolds, care of tramps, Wm. C. Callahan, coffin and robe, Joseph Daignault, Charles P. Reed, Alfred Bushee, killed on R. R., Emma Miner, Emma Burroughs, Mary L. Tatro, Jules Lemois' child, J. S. Gleason, goods delivered to Mrs. Mary Kinary, Mrs. W. F. Bartlett, Mrs. Adam McKinstry, Albert Perry, Fred Lacrosse, Joseph W. Morey, Frank Lacrosse, W. Lamoureux, goods delivered to David Shaw, Nelson Marchessault, Cash paid J. E. Irving and wife, City of Lawrence, support of Cordelia Potvin, Joseph Potvin, Joseph Potvin, Patrick O'Keefe, *43 90			
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Henry A. Morse, goods delivered to		
Edward Tremblay,	85 00	
Mrs. Lusignan.	5 00	
Fred Stone,	5 00	
M. Lovely,	5 00	
Jere Mominee. Jr.,	5 00	
Louis Shaw,	5 00	
Peter Lamont,	4 00	
Joseph Daignault.	3 00	
Mrs. Frank Sayory,	3 00	
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Horace J. Gravel, goods delivered to		
Michel Poland,	\$85 00	
Alex. Scarboro.	4 00	
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Michael Collins, goods delivered to		
Mrs. Alfred Bushee.		\$36 00
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Dwight Marsh,	\$20 42	
J. E. Irving,	10 00	
Frank Frenier.	4 38	
Peter Perry,	2 00	
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Paul Dennis, goods delivered to		
Paul Phaneuf,	\$30 00	
Cyril Robidoux,	3 00	
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Samuel Williams, coffin and robe.		
Frank Kratz.	\$15 00	
P. E. B. Bottom,	15 00	
		\$30 00
Augustus Daniels, coal and wood deliv	rered to	
Mrs. Julius Loomis.	\$8 00	
Wm. Felton,	6 25	

Fred Stone,	\$6 00	
Albert Oldson,	3 00	
Edward Tremblay.	2 00	
Mrs. Helen Witherell,	2 00	
Mrs. Wm. Julian,	2 00	
		\$29 25
Town of Sturbridge, support Abram Lovely,		25 00
J. D. Blanchard, goods delivered to Mrs.		
Noel Montville,		24 00
City of New Bedford, support of Philomene		
Dennette,		22 - 50
J. B. Proulx, goods delivered to Michel		
Daignault,		22 00
C. A. Paige, cash paid for sundries,		19 61
Wm. D. Morse, goods delivered to		
Paul Laplante,	\$12 00	
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Mrs. Julius Loomis,	1 00	
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Putnam, Davis Co., order book.	\$ 6	75
Journal Co., printing,	. 6	50
Wm. Booth, coal delivered to Joseph		
Brouillard,	5	50
Geo. W. Faulkner, aid to Frank Kratz,	5	00
Cash paid for burial of Norah Blair Far-		
rand's child.	5	00
Wm. E. Alden & Co., goods delivered to		
Mrs. John Keough,	4	00
Charles Hyde, wood delivered to Clement		
Lusignan.	3	00
City of Boston, support of Wm K. Part-		
ridge,	2	00
Ellam & Grant. printing.	1	75
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	\$4,937	47
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896.	\$1.823	95

Repairs of Farm Buildings.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895, Appropriation at annual meeting.	\$67 300		\$367 66
EXPENDITURES.			
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	\$41	88	
Augustus Daniels, lumber,	2	10	
S. Dresser, brick,	1	76	
-			\$45 74
Balance to credit of account March 1	1896		\$321 99

Support of Poor.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March	1,1895	5, \$407	86
Appropriation at annual meeting,		1,500	00
Produce sold,	٠	293	77

\$2,201 63

EXPENDITURES.

Geo. F. Northup and wife, services as warden		
and matron, from March 1, 1895, to		
March 1, 1896,	500	00
H. H. French, grain and feed,	234	41
Felix Gatineau, groceries,	133	46
Henry A. Morse, fertilizer, meat, etc.,	102	17
Stephen Grant, groceries,	101	65
Paige, Carpenter, Colburn Co., clothing,	98	14
Fred Lacrosse, labor at farm,	95	12
E. C. Ellis, groceries,	89	44
P. H. Carpenter Co., groceries,	89	12
F. M. Marble, meat,	88	08
H. P. Morse, hay,	85	00
E. C. Ellis, coal,	64	00
W. D. Morse, groceries,	52	03
Geo. S. Stone Co., repairing carriages and		
shoeing horses,	45	40
Herbert A. Dresser, mdse.,	20	65
O. B. E. Chipman, crackers, etc.,	20	28
Dr. A. J. McCrea, professional services,	20	00
J. R. Harris, groceries,	19	48
Wm. H. Clarke, supplies,	15	25
Samuel Williams, burial Frank Folsom,	15	
Wm. C. Callahan, burial Elizabeth Morrissey,	15	00
F. A. Hager, crackers, etc.,	9	03
Geo. L. Winter, supplies.	7	15

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

James H. Mason, butchering pigs,	\$6	00		
C. A. Paige, cash paid appraisers,	6	00		
Joseph Laprade, wood for Fred Lacrosse,	,)	00		
J. B. Brousso & Co., horse nets,	4	50		
Joseph Gingras, shoeing horses,	4	20		
Geo. H. Hartwell, supplies,	3	35		
M. P. Webster, crackers,	3	0.5		
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	2	57		
J. Booth & Co., labor and material,	1	9.5		
F. Jacobs & Co., fish,	1	16		
Geo. C. Shepard & Co., medicine for John				
Murphy,		75		
C. M. Carpenter, repairing harness,		35		
			\$2,058	94
Balance to credit of account March 1, 18	396		\$142	89



SELECTMEN.

Abatement of Taxes.

EECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting. \$7 Jane con EXPENDITURES. Account overdrawn March 1, 1895. 1.425 87 Abatements. **\$1.518 62** Account overdrawn March 1, 1896. \$13 62 Banquet Hall. EECEIPTS. Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895. 来23 18 EXPENDITURES. J. M. & L. D. Clemence, doors and casings. *3 50 Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896, #19 68 Bridges. RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895, \$31 87

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Appropriation at annual meeting.

EXPENDITURES.

Wm. M. Harris, lumber.	277	10		
T. C. Merritt, labor,	34	75		
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	34	02		
Southbridge Printing Co., lumber,	25	25		
New York & New England Railroad.	freight. 8	00		
A. H. Shepard and men. Central street	et bridge, 5	25		
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Contingent.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 189	95, \$594 16		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	2,000 00		
Outstanding order of Dr. Letourneau,	3 00		
		\$2,597	16

EXPENDITURES.

Outstanding order of Dr. Letourneau, \$3 00
E. M. Phillips, attending town meeting,
clerk of board of Registrars and re-
turning births, deaths and marriages, 222 99
Election expenses, April and November and
recount, 193 75
J. M. Cochran, town counsel and retainer
fee, 175 00
F. H. Olin, postage and inspecting animals
and provisions. 101 00
Homer Gage, M. D., professional services.
Nov. 29, 1894.

W. H. Claffin, inspecting animals and pro-		
	885	50
W. H. Claffin and men. general repairs on		
town property,	75	85
W. H. Claffin and men,	78	90
M. L. Dillaber, attending town meetings.		
special police duty, serving warrants,		
etc.,	70	00
Special officers for July 3 and 4,	68	50
Luke Reilly, special police duty and serving		
warrants.	52	00
F. X. Lariviere, team for assessors and re-		
turning deaths.	52	75
Wm. C. Callahan, burial of Charles Gallo-		
way and returning deaths,	51	50
Gravity Ballot Box Co.,	50	00
O. J. Aldrich, labor and materials,	42	17
W. & W. A. Seavey, teams for assessors.		
and use of teams at railroad accident.	40	25
Calvin Claffin, labor and material on ceme-		
tery gate and town vault,	40	00
A. C. Moore, surveying,	34	00
M. D. Jones & Co., vases,	30	00
J. W. Ellam, stamps,	30	00
Sarah L. Pelton, damages in full for falling		
on sidewalk,	25	00
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	53	46
J. M. Olney, stamps for officers, and expenses,	23	20
J. J. Bowlen, sprinkling streets,	23	00
Dr. J. S. E. Ferland, returning births.	22	00
P. Sutherland & Co., roll top desk,	21	86
Samuel Williams, returning deaths.	21	75
J. J. Delehanty, damage to Duquette house.	20	25
M. E. Kelly, inspecting plumbing,	18	50
Dr. J. A. Genereux, returning births,	18	25

Pierre Caplette, labor self and men,	B 16	00
L. N. Duquette, special police duty,	15	00
Calvin Claffin, fare and expenses to Meriden,	13	22
Gas and Electric Co., auditors' office and		
selectmen's rooms,	12	76
H. L. Smith, labor and supplies, and in-		
specting plumbing,	11	44
W. C. Edgett, labor and material,	10	75
C. P. Phipps, cash paid for repairs on engine		
house,	8	00
Corbett Printing Co., schedules for assessors,	8	00
Sanford, Sawtelle Co., books for assessors and		
tax collector,	7	75
Alexander Boyer, labor on hook and ladder		
No. 1 house,	7	51
W. H. Claffin and men, labor on fountain,	7	50
J. Booth & Co., labor and material on fountain	, 8	21
Dr. F. W. Edwards, returning births,	6	50
Irving Whitford & Co., weather signals,	7	00
W. H. Claffin, fumigating 2 barns,	6	00
C. A. Dresser, use of flagstaff on Dresser		
House,	5	00
Dr. J. S. Chagnon, returning births,	5	25
J. S. Dresser, serving warrants,	5	00
Rockwell & Churchill, license blanks,	4	57
Geo. L. Winter, supplies,	4	53
Dr. W. G. Reed, returning births,	4	50
Augustus Daniels, wood,	3	00
T. C. Merritt, repairing fences,	2	25
Monroe, Carter Co., supplies,	2	18
Jerry Gauthier, cleaning yard in rear of en-		
gine house,	2	00
Felix Cadorette, delivering town reports to		
post offices and cleaning auditors'		
room,	2	00

W. I. Dantu cons of lantons	\$2	00		
W. J. Douty, care of lantern,	争之	00		
M. W. Kelly, repairing culvert,	1	75		
Azel Thompson, labor,	. 1	25		
Dr. A. J. McCrea, professional services June 19	, 1	00		
New England R. R. Co., for privilege of con-				
structing sewer pipe at Crane street,	1	00		
C. S. Ayres, lantern,		35		
		_	\$2,007	70
Balance to credit of account March 1, 18	96,		\$586	46

Crane Street Repairs.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation from unappropriated funds,	\$275	94
EXPENDITURES.		
Account overdrawn March 1, 1895,	\$ 275	94

Culvert Near W. H. H. Cheney's and G. E. Mansfield's.

RECEIPTS.	
Appropriation at annual meeting.	\$150 00
EXPENDITURES.	
A. H. Shepard, self, men and teams,	\$141 80

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896, \$8 20

Charlton Road Sidewalk.

RECEIPTS.

By appropriation at annual meeting, \$100 00

EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard. self, men and teams, gravel,

\$100 00

District Court Fees.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting, Fines,	\$700 25	00	\$725 00
EXPENDITURES.			
Account overdrawn March 1, 1895,	\$98	02	
Worcester Truant School, support of			
Cora Whitney,	83	71	
Joseph Berthiaume,	42	00	
Reed Ostrander,	18	00	
Howard Witherell,	7	14	
			\$248 87
Balance to credit of account March 1	1, 1896,		\$476 13

Engine Men.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,

\$1,910 00

EXPENDITURES.

Steamer Co. No. 1,	\$590	00
Steamer Co. No. 2.	590	00
Hook & Ladder No. 1.	205	00
Hook & Ladder No. 2.	265	00
Four Engineers,	200	00
	_	- \$1,910 00

Electrician.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895. Appropriation at annual meeting,	\$150 00 150 00
	\$300.00
EXPENDITURES.	
A. F. Hall, electrician,	\$150 00
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,	% 150 00

Enforcement of Liquor Law.

ALCLIFIS.	
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895.	8655 84
EXPENDITURES.	
	\$(00) 00

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896. 8655 84

Fire Department.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895, \$11 93
Appropriation at annual meeting, 2,700 00

\$2,711 93

EXPENDITURES.

C. Stewart & Son, boilers,	\$1,000	00
A. F. Hall, labor and supplies,	81	96
Hamilton Woolen Co., blue vitriol,	45	87
Hamilton Woolen Co., taking steamer	· to	
Worcester,	42	00
Water Supply Co.,	27	00
R. Wardle, labor and supplies,	18	73
Louis Desrosiers, labor,	2	00
Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance Co.,	50	00
J. A. Ryan, labor,	5	25
Cole Bros., supplies,	74	54
Wm. Booth, coal,	55	48
Geo. S. Stone Co., painting and repairs,	99	05
Wm. H. Clarke, supplies,	18	28
L. Wesley Curtis, suppliés,	1	08
American Optical Co., labor,	3	20
D. F. Prescott, West Boylston, use	of	
steamer,	100	-
Worcester Rubber Co., supplies,	57	
Geo. L. Winter, supplies,		13
Paige, Carpenter, Colburn Co., boots,		75
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	15	79
H. L. Smith, labor and material,	15	99
Ozias Milligan, labor,		00
Boston Woven Hose Co., supplies,	218	51
C. P. Phipps, expenses on new boiler,	-	
plies, etc.,	43	00

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J. J. Bowlen, use of horses,	258	00		
W. & W. A. Seavey, use of horses,	117	00		
Hamilton Woolen Co., labor and materia	l on			
fire alarm,	15	25		
Hamilton Woolen Co., use of horses,	86	00		
Joseph Ouimette, repairs,	1	30		
E. C. Ellis, supplies,		35		
Gas & Electric Co.,	117	00		
J. J. Delehanty, chairs and freight,	52	50		
J. B. Prescott & Sons, zincs,	28	50		
M. Egan, lettering coats and hats,	13	60		
Dwight Chamberlain, labor,	33	70		
Frank Savory,	4	95		
A. Daniels, coal,	6	00		
L. E. Patterson, labor,	4	28		
C. E. Wilson, expenses,	6	64		
Beattie Zinc, Works Co.,	4	80		
C. S. Ayres, supplies,	3	50		
C. M. Kimball, polish,	4	00		
C. F. Marble, coal,	33	00		
G. H. Hartwell, supplies,	2	01		
L. D. Vinton, use of horses,	7	00		
N. S. Viall, storing Hook & Ladder, dra	W-			
ing coal, use of horses, etc.,	67	85		
B. W. Paton, supplies,	2	60		
F. Cady, supplies,	4	98		
J. S. Gleason, supplies,	6	58		
P. Cuddihy, labor,	1	00		
W. C. Lewis, supplies,	3	45		
			\$2,883	05

Account overdrawn March 1, 1896,

Highways.

RECEIPTS.

\$8,227 00

Appropriation at annual meeting, \$6,000 00

Transferred from unappropriated funds, Loam sold, 27 00 EXPENDITURES. Account overdrawn March 1, 1895, \$534 67 A. H. Shepard and men, \$4,797 30 teams, 2,724 55 J. M. Olney, gravel and paving, 314 60 W. H. Claflin and men, paving gutters, 110 88 L. W. Curtis, gravel, 93 90 Geo. S. Stone Co., repairing tools, 86 32 W. H. Claflin and men, laying crossings, 51 00 C. D. Monroe, gravel, 38 40 M. Lashapelle, gravel, 26 20 Hamilton Woolen Co., gravel, 25 40
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Hamilton Woolen Co., gravel. 25, 40
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W. C. Edgett, labor and material, 20 80
Charles M. Morse and men, 17 50
W. C. Lewis, supplies, 13 68
W. H. H. Cheney, labor, 10 50
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber, 9 24
W. D. Morse, supplies, 8 10
Geo. L. Winter, supplies, 5 71
M. D. Morrill, labor, 5 00
Litchfield Shuttle Co., labor and material, 4 35
J. Booth & Co., paint for scraper, 4 20
P. H. Carpenter Co., powder and fuse, 3 86
Manning Plimpton, gravel, 2 60
Amasa Haskell, labor, 2 00

REPORT OF AUDITOR	.5.			41
T. C. Merritt, trap covers, E. C. Ellis, saw,	\$1	00 40	\$8,912	16
Account overdrawn March 1, 1896,			\$685	16
Insurance.				
RECEIPTS.				
Appropriation at annual meeting,			\$800	00
EXPENDITURES.				
Account overdrawn March 1, 1895, E. M. Phillips & Son, W. P. Plimpton,	\$101 553 266 35	36 00		
J. F. B. Litchfield,		<u> </u>	\$ 956	10
Account overdrawn March 1, 1896,			\$156	10
Interest.				
RECEIPTS.				
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898 Appropriation at annual meeting,	5, \$374 4,200		\$4,574	40
EXPENDITURES.				

\$2,600 00

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Interest on town hall bonds,

Interest on sewer notes,

Interest on Marcy street school-house lot			
note,	\$115	62	
Interest on town hall special note,	307	58	
Interest on money borrowed in anticipation	ı		
of taxes,	492	22	
Interest on note, new engine house,	80	00	
			\$4,356 74
Balance to credit of account March 1,	1896,		\$217 66

Macadamizing Main Street.

RECEIPTS.

By appropriation at annual meeting, By appropriation at November meeting,	\$2,500 00 100 00 ————	\$2,600	00
EXPENDITURES.			
Massachusetts Broken Stone Co.,		\$2,600	00

Markers for Graves of Revolutionary Soldiers.

RECEIPTS.

By appropriation at annual meeting,	\$100 00
EXPENDITURES.	
M. D. Jones & Co., for markers,	\$60 00
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896.	\$40 00

M	em	ori	ial	Day.
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RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting, \$100 00 EXPENDITURES.

Malcolm Ammidown Post, G. A. R.,

\$100 00

Military Aid.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895, \$302 00

EXPENDITURES.

Aid to Dan Fairfield, \$120 00

> Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896, \$182 00

Militia.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895, \$350 02 From State Treasurer, 300 00 Appropriation at annual meeting, 200 00 \$850 02

EXPENDITURES.

L. H. Tiffany, rent,		\$360	00
O. J. Aldrich, labor and material,		80	90
R. V. Stoodley, labor self, men, teams	and		
lumber at range,		76	50
Coals Floatric Co		70	07

Southbridge Printing Co., lumber,	\$45 53	
C. H. Ullrich, heating,	15 00	
Water Supply Co.,	14 00	
R. V. Stoodley, janitor,	10 00	
Wm. H. Clarke, supplies,	9 66	
E. O. Lamoureux, janitor,	6 00	
Weld & Prindle, wood,	5 63	
J. Q. Goodell, janitor,	4 00	
		\$700 09
Balance to credit of account March	1, 1896,	\$149 93

New Engine House.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895,	\$ 29 16
EXPENDITURES.	
Calvin Claffin, labor and material,	\$20 75
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,	\$8 41

Pine Street Walk.

RECEIPTS.		
Appropriation from unappropriated funds,	\$444	37
EXPENDITURES.		
Account overdrawn March 1, 1895,	*444	37

Police Duty.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895, Appropriation at annual meeting,	\$20 200		\$220	00
EXPENDITURES.				
Wm. O'Halloran,	\$50	00		
James Monroe,	50	00		
A. M. Higgins,	50	00		
Romo Gomo,	35	00		
Thomas Troy,	20	00		
James Curley,	15	00		
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Police Station.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895, \$-	19	83	
Fees,	8	50	
Appropriation at annual meeting, 2	50	00	
			\$ 308 33
EXPENDITURES.			
L. Reynolds, care of police station, \$1	30	08	
Geo. L. Winter, supplies and repairs,	86	81	
J. Booth & Co., repairs,	75	30	
E. C. Ellis, coal,	32	75	
J. M. Olney, men, teams and gravel,	26	50	
W. A. Snow & Co., wire guard,	25	40	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, doors and lumber,	24	64	
Southbridge Water Supply Co., water,	6	50	

W. H. Clarke, supplies,	\$\$4	65		
Paige, Carpenter, Colburn Co., comforter,	4	39		
A. H. Dolan, sawing wood,	. 2	25		
M. Lucier, cleaning vault,	. 2	00		
Pierre Caplette, labor,	. 1	50		
N. Y. & N. E. R. R., freight,	1	49		
Frank Longsway,	. 1	00		
			\$425	26
Account overdrawn March 1, 1896,			\$116	93
Printing.				
RECEIPTS.				
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895	, \$39	50		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	800	00		
			\$839	50
EXPENDITURES.				
Robinson & Dougherty, annual reports, be lots for spring election, assessors' in the respect to	re-			
ports, receipts for collector, miscolaneous printing and advertising,	\$436	98		
Ellam & Grant, valuation lists, miscellaneou		40		
printing and advertising,	255	14		
The Journal Co., miscellaneous printing an		1.1		
advertising,		50		
adveroising,	. 41	00		

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,

\$715 92

\$123 58

Railings.

RECEIPTS.				
Balance to credit of account March 1,1895	. 847	43		
By appropriation at annual meeting,	500	ÜÕ		
			\$547	43
EXPENDITURES.				
Augustus Daniels, lumber.	\$131	78		
A. H. Shepard and men,	87	25		
Geo. S. Stone Co., labor and supplies.	57	01		
T. C. Merritt, labor,	36	10		
J. Booth & Co., painting,	29	15		
Alex. Boyer, labor,	16	50		
J. T. McKinstry, painting,	16	55		
Wm. H. Clarke, supplies,	14	00		
W. C. Lewis, supplies,	14	00		
Amasa Haskell, labor,	10	75		
B. Robert, posts and rails,	8	00		
			8421	69

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,

\$126 34

Repairs Police Station.

RECEIPTS.

By appropriation at annual meeting,

\$1.200 00

EXPENDITURES.

Calvin Claffin, labor and supplies,	\$500	(13
W. J. Claffin and men.	136	27
Geo. L. Winter, labor and supplies,	166	76
Sidewalk account for brick,	105	00
S. Dresser, for brick,	96	ST

Geo. S. Stone Co., labor and supplies,	\$91	86	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	34	87	
L. M. Ham, iron work,	34	22	
J. M. Olney, labor,	9	13	
Joseph Proulx, labor,	8	31	
			\$1,183 32
Balance to credit of account March 1	, 1896,	-	\$16 68

Salaries.

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150 00

RECEIPTS.	
By appropriation at annual meeting,	\$2700
EXPENDITURES.	
Account overdrawn March 1, 1895,	\$45 60
Board of Selectmen—	
Thomas Sanders,	
J. M. Olney,	
O. B. E. Chipman,	
	300 00
Overseers of the Poor—	
C. A. Paige,	
Henry A. Morse,	
Felix Gatineau,	
	300 00
Board of Health—	
C. C. Bradford,	
W. G. Reed,	
F. H. Olin,	

Board of Registrars—					
Geo. W. Corey,	\$27 40				•
W. D. Morse,	• 27 40				
S. T. Cutting,	27 40				
£77		\$82	20		
E. M. Phillips, clerk of Registra	re attend				
ing town meetings, and copy			35		
Board of Assessors—					
V. W. Lamoureux,	\$203 75	,			
F. Jacobs,	127 50				
S. K. Edwards,	170 00				
		\$501	25		
W W I					
V. W. Lamoureux, preparing	assessors		75		
report for printer,		90	75		
Board of Auditors, Jan. 1, 1895, 1895,	to April 1,				
W. A. Boyd,	27 67				
W. F. Herron,	30 66				
W. T. Robinson,	, 27 67				
		\$86	00		
Board of Auditors, April 1, 1895, 1896,	to April 1,				
W. A. Boyd,	\$47 67				
W. T. Robinson,	59 66				
John A. Whittaker,	44 67				
		\$152	00		
J. M. Olney, Tax Collector for 1					
John A. Hall, Treasurer for 189					
J. W. Marble, care of Town Close		30			
o marble, care of Town Cloud	O.K.			\$2,256	15
					10
Balance to credit of account	March 1,	1896,		*443	85

Sewers.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895, \$363 08

EXPENDITURES.

H. L. Smith, examination and inspection,	\$19 45	
W. H. Claffin and men,	19 00	
A. H. Shepard and men,	16 64	
Central Mills Co., flushing sewers,	10 00	
Geo. L. Winter, pipe,	2 68	
Geo. S. Stone Co., repairing tools,	1 60	
		\$69 37

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,

\$293 71

Sidewalk Repairs.

RECEIPTS.

By appropriation at annual meeting, \$2,000	00		
Brick sold to Police Station Repairs account, 105	00		
Sale of tar barrels and repairs on private			
walks, 61	20		
		\$2.166	20

EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1895,	\$52	12
W. H. Claffin and men,	1,548	77
Worcester Gaslight Co., tar,	337	50
A. F. Hiscox, curbing,	122	97
New York Tar Chemical Co.,	110	25
New England R. R., freight,	66	00
J. M. Olney, gravel and teams,	58	00
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, material,	31	52

Geo. S. Stone Co., labor and supplies,	\$18	07		
Geo. L. Winter, supplies,	13	08		
Augustus Daniels, material,	15	10		
Calvin Claffin, labor,	12	55		
Wm. H. Clarke, supplies,	11	10		
Charles Hyde, wood,	9	75		
Jerry Gauthier, teaming,	8	00		
Daniel Mahoney, teaming,	3	50		
American Optical Co., asphaltum,	5	75		
E. C. Ellis, supplies,	1	14		
O. J. Aldrich, patterns,		75		
Hamilton Woolen Co., material,	2	90		
			\$2,428	82
Account overdrawn March 1, 1896,			\$262	62
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Specifications and Plans New Grammar School.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895,	\$600 00
EXPENDITURES.	
Penn Varney, specifications,	\$190 00
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896.	\$410 00

State Aid.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895,	\$142	31		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	200	00		
State Treasurer,	772	00		
			\$1,114	31

EX	PENDITURES.	
Fred L. Holmes,	\$72	00
Sylvester Seymour,	48	00
Samuel Young,	72	00
Fred Kind,	72	00
Jean P. Boniface,	60	00
John Stone,	48	00
A. H. Barrett,	44	00
Daniel Smith, Jr.,	48	00
Alex. Wald,	6	00
Lucian Bates,	48	00
Frank Seymour,	48	00
Wm. E. Horton,	54	00
C. A. Wesson,	32	00
Matilda Rivers,	8	00
Linus Albee,	48	00

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,

Charles L. Newhall,

Sarah M. Young,

\$780 00 \$334 31

24 00

48 00

Street Lights.

RECEIPTS.

	-		\$6,144	45
Arc light, Benefit and Lens streets,	78	50		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	5,300	00		
Balance to credit of account March 1, 18	3 95, \$765	95		

EXPENDITURES.

Gas & Electric Light Co.,	\$5,934 28		
A. H. Barrett, care of fountain light,	15 00	4 10 40	. 00
		\$5,949	28

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,

\$195 17

Town Hall Contingent.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895	, \$186	23		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	1,000	00		
Transferred from High School account,	500	00		
Rentals of hall,	170	00		
			\$1,856	23
EXPENDITURES.				
Peter Caplette, janitor and labor,	\$578	25		
E. S. Ellis, coal,	225	67		
Gas & Electric Light Co.	191	40		
Southbridge Water Co.,	80	0.0		
Knight & Thomas, fire extinguishers,	60	00		
Calvin Claffin, labor and supplies,	15	87		
Geo. L. Winter, supplies,	14	56		
H. L. Smith, labor and supplies,	14	.33		
T. J. Harrington, flowers,	5	00.		
Joseph Proulx, labor and supplies,	7	66		
W. D. Morse, cuspidors,	3	40		
M. Egan, labor,	4	26		
Central Mills Co., supplies,	3	21		
F. Gatineau, supplies,	3	10		
W. H. Claffin, tar,	2	83		

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,

\$1,213 09 ------\$643 14

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Water Supply.

RECEIPTS.

By appropriation at annual meeting,

Dillaber and Reilley, police duty,

W. H. Clarke, supplies,

\$1,400 00

EXPENDITURES.

Southbridge Water Supply Co.,

\$1,400 00

War Relief.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895	\$365	88	
Appropriation at annual meeting,	1,000	00	
Town of Warren, account O. B. Rumrill,	159	00	
			\$1,524 88
EXPENDITURES.			
Oliver B. Rumrill,	\$116	00	,
Mrs. Charles Horton,	96	00	•
Mrs. Louis Buldic,	120	00	
Fred Laplante,	144	00	
Mrs. Harriet Armes,	120	00	
Fabien Lescarbeau,	96	00	
Charles Bartlett,	72	00	
Mrs. A. E. Densmore,	120	00	
Mrs. Abbie Barrett,	20	00	
Ellen Galloway,	20	00	
C. A. Wesson,	48	00	
Harriet Ostrander,	16	00	
Charles Hyde, wood delivered to Dan Smit	h, 5	50	
W. C. Callahan, wood delivered to Mrs. Selig	, 4	00	
J. & T. Ryan, goods delivered to Mrs. Selig	, 10	00	
S. Williams, easket and burial of A. H. Barre	tt, 35	00	
Geo. Wald, goods delivered to Fred Holme	s, 3	50	
N. T. Hurlbut, clothing delivered to Fred			
Holmes,		50	
J. D. Blanchard & Co., goods deliv-			
ered to Fred Holmes, \$9 00			

O. B. Rumrill,	\$15	00			
			\$24	00	
A. H. Wheeler, clothing delive	ered				
to Linus Albee,	\$20	00			
Dan Smith, Jr.,	16	32			
Mrs. Selig,	4	00			
J			\$40	32	
Paige, Carpenter, Colburn	Co.,				
goods delivered to Linus Alk	ee, \$10	00			
Albert Saund	lers, 6	25			
C. A. Wesson	n, 18	00			
Ed. Armes,	9	00			
·			\$43	25	
		-			\$1,156 07
Balance to credit of account	March	1, 1	.896,		\$368 81

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Common Schools.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1,	1895, \$540	65	
Appropriation at annual meeting,	11,275	00	
Tuitions,	[9]	00	
,		\$11,824	65

EXPENDITURES.

J. T. Clarke, services as	Superintenden	t	
to March 1, 1896,		\$1,400	00
Teachers—			
Maribelle Curtis,	\$168	00	
Mary A. Hadley,	288	00	
Minnie G. Riley,	43	00	
Mary L. Taylor,	355	20	
Louise O. Twombly,	380	00	
Mabel J. Newell,	304	00	
Susan M. Knight,	342	00	
Mary E. Clemence,	280	00	
Margaret E. Dougherty,	36	00	
Alice L. King,	44	00	
Maud Joslin,	27	00	
Alice B. Aldrich,	315	00	
Mary E. McCabe,	342	00	
Sadie S. Cairns,	111	00	
Maud Oldham,	168	00	

Isabella P. Taylor,	\$285 00	
Emma E. Allison,	68 00	
Lizzie E. Morse,	60 00	
H. Genevieve Hyde,	48 00	
Alice Holmes,	430 00	
A. Rebecca Rowley,	342 00	
Mary E. Meagher,	380 00	
Agnes M. Meagher,	342 00	
Jennie A. Plimpton,	42 00	
Mabel V. Keyes,	12 00	
Nettie V. Stone,	97 00	
Jane Farquhar,	342 00	
Mary A. Ellis,	342 00	
Martha Cutting,	342 00	
Margaret G. Butler,	304 00	
Ethel E. Letcher,	75 00	
Laura M. Geyer,	54 00	
Lula S. Botham,	252 00	
Ida M. Plimpton,	304 00	
Margaret L. O'Hara,	304 00	
Mary L. Boardman,	304 00	
Mary Belle Sherman,	27 00	
Jacobina W. Taylor,	22 00	
Eva Benham,	390 00	
Mrs. H. N. Carpenter,	72 50	
	 \$8,443 70	
Janitors—		
Geo. M. Lovell,	\$285 00	
Peter Sinclair,	183 00	
George Washington,	4 50	
Wm. C. Hall,	140 75	
Roy Sanders,	38 00	
George E. Morse,	12 00	
James Brown,	48 00	
M. L. O'Hara,	12 00	

M. L. Boardman,	\$ 15	00				
			\$738	25		
Fuel—						
Augustus Daniels,	\$420	25				
E. C. Ellis,	. 35	50				
J. G. Clapp,	29	46				
C. M. Morse,	29	38				
E. S. Ellis,	17	25				
A. L. Hyde,	17	50				
J. T. Clarke,		50				
			\$556	84		
Tuitions—						
Town of Sturbridge,			72	00		
James H. Mason,			28	00		
					\$11,238	79
Balance to credit of account	March	1.	1896.		\$585	86

Contingent Schools.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895, Appropriation at annual meeting,	\$17 2,450	00	\$2,467	21
EXPENDITURES.				
J. T. Clarke, cash paid for sundries,	\$214	44		
Wm. Ware & Co., books,	170	30		
American Book Co., books,	159	87		
Water Supply Co.,	120	00		
Geo. S. Perry & Co., supplies,	105	52		
Ginn & Co., books,	105	30		

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O. J. Aldrich, labor and material,

Boston School Supply Co.,		\$98	78
J. L. Hammett, supplies,		95	63
Wm. H. Clarke, supplies,		88	33
Prang Educational Co., books,		88	02
W. & W. A. Seavey, teams for supe	rintenden	t, 76	75
Eberhard Faber, pencils and rubbe		71	
Cleaning rooms—			
Peter Sinclair,	\$21 00		
W. C. Hall,	18 75		
Geo. M. Lovell,	1 5 00		
Other persons,	11 95		
•		\$66	70
Silver, Burdett & Co., books,		48	00
Martin J. Judge, supplies,		46	30
J. Booth & Co., labor and material	,	40	95
Perry, Mason & Co., books,		36	40
Monroe Reynolds, taking school ce	nsus,	35	00
M. Farrell, labor and material,		33	88
Monroe Reynolds, truant officer,		29	95
Eva Benham, carriages for visiting	schools		
in outlying districts,	,	29	25
O. D. Case & Co., blackboard,		29	06
G. F. King & Merrill, supplies,		28	26
Harper & Bros., books.		28	00
John H. Pray & Sons, supplies,		27	00
A. & E. Burton & Co., books and s	supplies,	25	76
Bradbury Edwards, painting Bacon			
house,		24	84
Holden Pat. Book Cover Co.,		22	39
E. E. Babb & Co., supplies,		21	50
D. C. Heath & Co., books,		21	21
Pierre Caplette, labor,		19	50
Green & Peloquin's Orchestra,		18	00
Geo. Rutledge's Sons, books,		18	00
Geo. L. Winter, supplies,		17	47

C. S. Ayres, supplies,	\$17 02
W. J. Keith, supplies,	17 00
H. L. Smith, labor and material,	16 86
Peter Sinclair, truant officer,	16 50
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books,	15 83
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	15 43
Milton, Bradley Co., books,	14 68
University Publishing Co., books,	13 50
D. Appleton & Co., books,	12 00
Allyn & Bacon, books,	11 50
Estabrook Steel Pen Manufacturing Co.,	11 10
Thorp, Martin Co., liquid slating,	10 80
Ellam & Grant, Printing,	10 00
Peter Sinclair, setting glass, etc.,	9 92
Robinson & Dougherty, printing,	9 50
Willard Small, books,	9 36
Thompson, Brown & Co., books,	9 00
Thomas Todd, books,	9 00
Carl Schoenhof, books,	8 08
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	8 08
S. P. Putnam's Sons, supplies,	8 00
Joseph Cadorette, cleaning vaults,	7 50
O. Ditson Co., books,	7 03
Maynard, Morrill & Co., books,	6 66
New England Publishing Co., books,	6 00 -
S. Labonte, framing pictures,	5 50
Maison Ad. Braun & Co., supplies,	5 40
Journal Co., advertising,	5 00
T. H. Castor & Co., supplies,	3 60
H. R. Beecher, lettering diplomas,	3 50
F. Gatineau, supplies,	3 15
Lee & Shepard, books,	2 60
Geo. W. Oakman, tuning piano,	2 00
W. D. Morse, supplies,	1 50

J. A. King, flags and cord, Wm. Butler, repairing flag,	\$1 15 1 00	\$2,476	87
Balance to credit of account	March 1, 1896,	\$25	22

Evening Schools.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 189	5, 👫 3 39
Appropriation at annual meeting,	650 90
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EXPENDITURES.	
Teachers—	
E. I. Knowles,	\$102 50
Alice Holmes,	80 00
Agnes M. Meagher,	60 75
Martha Cutting,	. 48 00
Margaret G. Butler,	11 25
Leo F. Olds,	30 00
Ransom P. Nichols,	51 25
Nellie F. Ryan,	62 25
Janitors-	
Wm. C. Hall,	20 75
Joseph H. Conner,	27 75
Rent of hall,	. 35 00
Pierre Caplette, officer,	20 00
Estabrook Steel Pen Manufacturing Co.,	18 00
Gas & Electric Co.,	15 81
American Book Co., books and pencils,	15 12

J. T. Clarke, cash paid for repairs,	\$ 10	25		
Boston School Supply Co.,	_	42		
Ellam & Grant, printing and advertising,	9	25		
J. & T. Ryan, oil,	6	10		
Robinson & Dougherty, printing and adver-				
tising,	5	00		
Incidentals,	5	10		
W. P. Plimpton, wood,	2	25		
Journal Co., advertising,	1	50		
Augustus Daniels, wood,	1	38		
			\$648	68
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Balance to credit of account March 1,	1896,		\$4	71

High School.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895	, \$225	95		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	3,100	00		
Tuitions,	220	09		
			\$3,546	04

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers-

F. E. Corbin,	\$1,300 00
Frank R. Arnold,	243 75
Ransom P. Nichols,	375 00
Annie M. Goodrich,	225 00
Sarah L. O'Toole,	295 00
Eva Benham,	100 00

Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, \$54	00		
Town Hall contingent, for janitors' ser-			
vices and fuel, 500	00		
-	_	\$3,092	75
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,		\$453	29
			
School Apparatus.			
RECEIPTS.			
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895, \$9	56		
Appropriation at annual meeting, 200	00		
		\$209	56
EXPENDITURES.			
James A. King, 4 cabinet organs, \$80	00		
Thomas Hall & Son, magnifying glasses, etc., 43	41		
G. C. Shepard & Co., supplies, 28			
J. G. Nickerson, charts,	40		
Sanford, Sawtelle Co., mimeograph, 17	50		
C. H. Dunton & Co., folio photos, 6	00		
D. Appleton & Co., books, 5	00		
Ziegler Electric Co., electric machine, 2	75		
		\$203	11
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,		\$6	45

VALUATIONS.

Valuation of the Town

AS ASSESSED MAY 1, 1895.

Valuation of real estate, \$2,735,642 00	
Valuation of personal estate, 22,815 00	
	\$3,558,457 00
Gain on real estate,	43,206 00
Loss on personal estate,	6,201 00
Total tax, state, county, town and overlayings.	72,887 78
Rate of taxation, per \$1,000,	19 60
Number of residents assessed on property,	813
Number of non-residents assessed on property,	111
Number of persons assessed for poll tax only,	984
Number of assessed horses,	634
cows,	572
sheep,	110
neat cattle other than cows,	183
swine,	81
dwelling houses,	
acres of land,	12,336
fowl,	1,594

Valuation of Center Watch District.

Valuation of real and personal estate,	\$1,516,223	00
Gain in valuation over that of 1894,	42,663	00
Amount raised by taxation,	1,940	75
Rate of taxation, per \$1,000,	1	28

ACCOUNTS.	Appropriations and Receipts.	Expenditures.	Unexpended.	Overdrawn.	Appropriations Recommended.
Abatement of Taxes. Banquet Hall. Bridges. Cemetery Fund. Cemetery Fund. Common Schools. Contingent Schools. Contingent Schools. Contingent Account. Charlton Road Sidewalk. Crane Street Repairs. Culvert bet'n Mansfield & Cheney, District Court Fees. Electrician Enforcement of Liquor Law. Engine Men. Evening Schools. Fire Department. High School. Highways. Insurance. Interest. Markers, Graves Rev. Soldiers. Memorial Day. Militia. Military Aid. Mynott Fund. New Engine House. Outside Poor. Pine Street Walk Police Duty. Police Station. Printing. Public Library. Railings. Repairs on Farm Buildings. Repairs on Farm Buildings. Repairs on Farm Buildings. School Apparatus. Sewers. Sidewalks. Specifications New Gram. School, State Aid. Street Lights. Support of Poor. Town Hall Contingent. Wat Relief.	\$1,500 00 23 18 235 87 7,994 25 1,217 83 11,824 65 1,217 83 11,824 65 2,502 09 2,594 16 100 00 275 94 150 00 653 39 2,711 93 3,546 04 8,227 00 800 00 4,574 40 2,6 0 60 100 00 850 02 362 00 1,045 01 29 16 6,761 42 444 37 220 00 308 33 839 50 2,262 44 547 43 367 66 1,200 00 2,700 00 2,700 00 2,700 00 2,700 00 2,700 00 1,144 31 6,144 45 2,201 63 363 08 2,166 20 600 0	3 50 151 37 11,210 19 111,238 79 2,476 87 2,007 70 100 00 275 94 141 80 248 87 150 (0 1910 00 648 68 2,883 05 3,092 75 8,912 16 956 10 4 356 74	\$19 68 84 50 7,994 25 7 64 585 86 25 22 586 46 25 22 586 46 25 22 586 46 25 22 586 46 25 22 586 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25	171 12 685 16 156 10	1,000 00 800 00 11,375 00 2,650 00 2,650 00 1,50 00 1,910 00 1,910 00 3,100 00 4,200 00 4,200 00 4,200 00 200 00 250 00 4,000 00 250 0
	890,779 25	\$74,088 SI	\$18,095 99	\$1,405 55	\$58,985-00

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

The undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Southbridge, hereby certify that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, and of each of the several boards of the Town officers authorized to draw orders upon the Town treasury, as required by the By-Laws of the Town, and find that the several items contained in each of the accounts presented in each of the foregoing reports of receipts and expenditures are correct and properly vouched for.

WM. A. BOYD,
WM. T. ROBINSON,
JOHN A. WHITTAKER,
Auditors of Southbridge.

Southbridge, March 4, 1896.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.



SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We submit a brief report of the different departments which we are authorized to look after. For expenditures we refer to the auditors' report.

Highways.

The town may be congratulated upon the excellent condition of our highways and streets, and yet it must be borne in mind that we have had heavy rains and freshets to contend with all through the year, which have caused extra expenditures whereby our appropriation has been overdrawn. We have made permanent improvements which will last for years, as for instance on Foster street. Our main streets, both at Globe Village and the Centre, have been given a good coat of grave! which was greatly needed and will last for a long time. our outside roads have been properly cared for. By a vote of the town, Main street from the Y. M. C. A. building to Whitford's block, a distance of 600 feet, was Macadamized. tract price paid for doing the work, \$2,600. We have a firstclass piece of road. There is material in town yard for repairs when needed to last for a long time. We would recommend more Macadam when the town feels able, but would advocate the buying of a crusher and roller first. We recommend the sum of \$5,000 for highway repairs.

Contingent.

We have to the credit of this account \$586.46, but it is very hard to estimate what the expenditures may be through the year. The demands for the past year have been light, but contingencies may arise that would draw heavily upon this account. We would recommend the sum of \$2,000 for this account.

Sidewalks.

This account is overdrawn owing to the bad condition of some of our walks. The walk in front of the Edwards House and Paige, Carpenter Co., was wholly re-constructed with new curbing in order to conform with the grade of the street. Also about 1000 feet of old brick walk was replaced by concrete: there is yet from 500 to 800 feet more of brick walk that should be repaired at once to save the town from possible damages, and we would recommend \$1,000 for sidewalk repairs.

Railings.

During the past year we have repaired railings in many places. On Cliff street we built new railing for a long distance, constructing the same with iron posts set in large stones. This was a very dangerous place and had been neglected for some time, but is now made safe. As Railings are constantly in need of repair, we would recommend the sum of \$300 for this account.

Bridges.

The bridges of the town are in good condition with the exception of two, River street bridge, a poorly constructed old

trap, and should have never been accepted by the town, which is now undergoing its usual annual repairs, and Central street bridge. During this last freshet two of the foundation stones of one of the abutments were washed out; the full extent of the damage cannot be ascertained until the water lowers. We would recommend the sum of \$1,000 for this account.

Fire Department.

We have only words of praise for this efficient department. During the past year the town has had several narrow escapes from serious conflagrations, but owing to the good judgment and management of the department heavy losses were prevented. For details we refer you to the Chief's report, and would recommend the sum of \$1,400 for this account.

Insurance.

This account is overdrawn, owing to the number of policies expiring last year, We would recommend the sum of \$500 for this account.

Town Hall Contingent.

We have to the credit of this account \$643.14, and with the \$500 from school fund, we would recommend the sum of \$500 for this account.

War Relief.

We have to the credit of this account \$368.81. As this is a very worthy cause in relieving the sufferings of our disabled soldiers and sailors, we would recommend the sum of \$800.

Militia.

We would recommend the sum of \$200 for the maintenance of Co. K.

Street Lights.

We would recommend the sum of \$6,000 for this indispensable luxury.

Shade Trees.

Complaints have come to the Selectmen of the cutting down and removing of shade trees standing along our highways. We herein print Sec. 15 of the By-Laws of the Town:

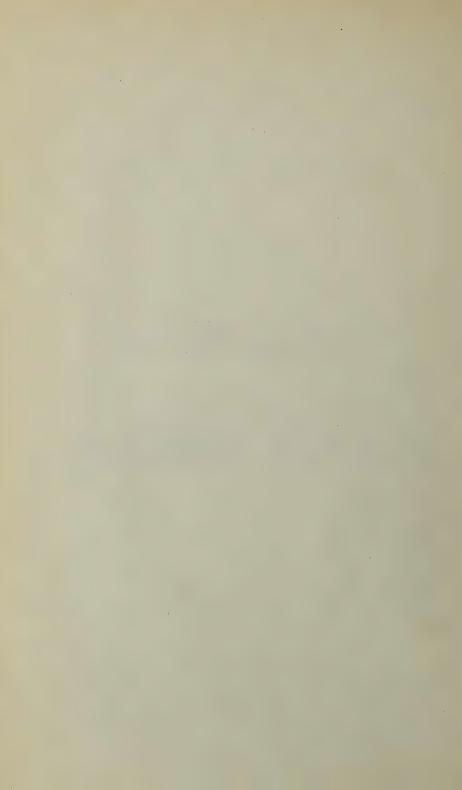
Section 15. No person shall cut down or remove any ornamental or shade trees standing in a highway, town way or street, unless the same obstructs such ways or endangers, hinders or incommodes persons traveling thereon, without first giving notice of his intention to one or more of the Selectmen or Road Commissioners of the town; and if the Selectmen or Road Commissioners desire to retain the tree they shall give notice of such desire to such person within ten days thereafter; and the damages caused by the retaining of said tree shall be determined in the same manner as in a case of damage by the alteration of such highway, town way or street.

THOMAS SANDERS,
J. M. OLNEY,
O. B. E. CHIPMAN,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.



CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Report of Cemetery Committee.

Another year of the work of the Superintendent, Samuel Williams, has been to the satisfaction and approval of the Committee. We submit his report as a part of our own. The Cemetery Fund now amounts to \$7,994.25 a gain of \$790 over last year, and as we remarked in our report of last year will soon amount to \$10,000, if our citizens act wisely and purchase lots and provide for perpetual care, a good thing to do before a sudden death comes to you or the family, and then while in trouble and affliction, obliged to hurriedly select a lot. The Superintendent takes great interest in his work as admitted by every one who visits the Cemetery. We invite our citizens to join with him and contribute to make the Cemetery beautiful and attractive. The investment of the fund is made by the Town Treasurer as required by the by-laws of the town and there is in the Southbridge Savings Bank, \$3,704.25: Worcester County Institution for Savings, \$1,000.00: Ware Savings Bank, \$1,000.00; Amherst Savings Bank, \$940.00; Dedham Institution of Savings, \$550.00; Cash on hand to be invested, \$800.00; making a total of \$7,994.25. The interest of this fund can be used and only for Cemetery Improvements.

We recommend an appropriation for the ensuing year of \$800.00.

L. S. AMMIDOWN, C. A. PAIGE, A. W. OLDS, F. P. PRATT, T. JEROME HARRINGTON.

Superintendent's Report.

TO THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Gentlemen:—The policy of carrying out what is known as the lawn plan was continued the past year. The most difficult and expensive part of the old yard is completed. Some more remains to be done in the newer parts which it is expected to finish the coming summer. The work the past season was similar to previous years—the grass was moved six times, monuments cleaned and reset, several graves filled, avenues gravelled, etc. The most important and necessary improvement was putting in the city water for which was laid 1494 feet of pipe. There are 5 standing pipes in different parts of the yard, furnished with tubs filled with water which the public can use as needed. A pipe was laid to the pond from which plays a beautiful fountain stream, which supplies the pond with water sufficient to keep it full. The pond, which was cleaned out and enlarged two years ago, which some thought would be a failure, has proved very popular and satisfactory. Have planted about sixty forest trees, the gift of Mr. Asa Morse, which are doing well. It is gratifying to note the expressions of approval this improvement has called forth. The cost of putting in the water was \$218.00. The Southbridge Water Supply Company very generously gave the Cemetery the use of the water the past year free of charge, on condition that it should not be used when their supply was short.

I would urge that my recommendations last year, in regard to foundations, boundary markers, etc., be strictly enforced.

I would also renew my suggestions in regard to the perpetual care of lots and I earnestly ask that more serious attention be given to this important subject; it is pleasing to note the awakening to this necessity; everybody admits it is the correct thing to do, and many intend and expect to do it, but keep delaying until in many cases it is too late, for the dead are sometimes very soon forgotten, and if the future care of their

resting place is not provided for in advance, the prospect is by no means certain that any provision will ever be made.

Since laws have been made authorizing towns to hold and invest funds for Cemetery purposes, many persons have given generous sums of money as a memorial to departed friends, or out of love for the old family yard, the interest of which is to be used for the benefit of the whole Cemetery; others leave funds to be expended for flowers, shrubs, etc; others have erected memorial arches or gateways at the entrance of the Cemetery. Something of that kind placed at the entrance of Oak Ridge Avenue would make a fine entrance to the Cemetery and be an ornament to the town.

Some one has said what greater monument can any one have or desire, than that of knowing he has by his means and influence, raised out of the old village graveyard a living monument of beauty, for the pleasure not only of the present, but of future generations.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS, Superintendent.

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Cemetery Fund.

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Balance March 1st, 1895,		\$7,204 25
Received since for sale and perpetual care		
of lots of		
Lucius E. Ammidown, lot,	25	00
Mrs. George Washington, one-half lot,	15	00
Herbert R. Dillaber, lot,	75	00
Larkin Upham, one-half lot,	25	00
Mrs. Mary E. Alden, lot,	75	00

George L. Clemence, lot,

Henry Billings for Estate of Mrs. Joseph		
Davis, 2 lots,	\$100	00
Joseph Brown, one-half lot,	25	00
Mrs. Henry B. Dresser, lot,	75	00
Wm. E. Alden, lot,	75	00
Mrs. Ellen M. Upham, lot,	75	00
Wm. A. Marcy, perpetual care,	50	00
Mrs. Juliana Edwards, perpetual care.	50	00
Estate of Henry D. Edwards, perpetual car	e, 50	00

\$790 00

\$7,994 25

Gain for one year \$790.

Cemetery Improvement.

CREDIT.

By appropriation,	*800	00		
By Interest on Fund,	314	33		
*By cash for work and grass sold,	103	50		
			81.217	88
DEBTOR.				
For balance overdrawn last year,	\$20	77		
Paid Samuel Williams, Superintendent, for				
men and teams, tools, supplies etc.,				
with 31 itemized bills approved by the				
Committee and Auditors,	943	78		
Paid Wm. H. Clarke, bill water pipe, etc.,	145	64		

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Samuel Williams, salary 1 year,

Balance in Treasury carried to new year, 7 64

*Cash received by Samuel Williams,		
For work, for—		
Wm. A. Marcy, grading lot,	\$25 00	
Mrs. John Curley, grading lot,	9 00.	
Larkin A. Upham, grading lot,	8 00 .	
Joseph Brown, grading lot,	8 00	
Henry D. Durfee, grading lot,	6 00	
John McGregory, grading lot,	10 00	
Joseph M. Olney, grading lot,	7 00	
Dana Pratt, grading lot,	4 00	
Charles McKinstry, grading lot,	6 00	
Mrs. Vernon Chamberlain, grading lot,	5 00	
Geo. L. Winter, work,	5 50	
Grass sold Frank Varin,	10 00	
	*103 50	0



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.



LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Remarks.

The Library Committee are pleased to report an ever increasing interest in and growth in the use of the Library.

At the suggestion of Miss Stanley, the new Librarian, we have introduced several changes, which make the Library of greater use and more easy of access to the patrons thereof, and it is proposed, during the coming year, to begin a new system of classification, which will be of great value to those using the Library for research and as an accessory to their studies. This reclassification will be done in such a manner as not to interfere with the constant use of the Library, but in certain sections will soon be so far advanced as to be of use to those wishing to avail themselves of the same.

In the purchase of books the Committee have had in mind the constant demand for books relating to the applied sciences, and would call the attention of the young men in town to a class of books especially adapted to those who wish to make a study of electricity, engineering and kindred subjects.

The subject of increased room for the shelving of our books is one that will have to receive the attention of the town at no distant day, and the Committee can only hope that some of our citizens, remembering that sometimes charity begins at home, will give the matter their consideration and come to our aid in this pressing need, and see to it that our Library ranks in its appointments, as it does in its contents, as one of the best country Libraries in the State.

A detailed statement of the accessions, circulation and other statistics of interest is attached hereto.

The Committee made their annual examination February 22, and found the Library in a satisfactory condition. They ask for an appropriation of \$1500 and the dog-tax fund for the coming year.

For the Committee.

J. M. COCHRAN, Secretary.

Librarian's Report.

The number of volumes issued for home use is 19,752. 21,920 were issued last year. The 42.54 per cent. of fiction circulated includes only that from section 1, not from sections 10, 11, and 17. The number of new readers registered is 214. The number registered last year was 225. 280 volumes have been added by purchase, 79 by gift, and 60 by binding periodicals and pamphlets. 34 worn-out books have been replaced. 88 volumes have been rebound.

One of the most valuable works added during the year is Appleton's "Cyclopedia of Applied Mechanics," 1895, in three volumes. Sadtler's "Handbook of Industrial Organic Chemistry" and several recent works on electricity and mechanics were bought. Champlin's "Young Folks' Cyclopedia of Common Things" and "Young Folks' Cyclopedia of Persons and Places," are convenient reference books for the younger school-children. There are three new books on amusements. Any one interested in nature study with children will find Morley's "Song of Life" well worth reading. Some of the other books most worthy of attention are the following: Shaw, "Municipal Government in Great Britain"; Froude, "English Seamen in the

Sixteenth Century"; Jackson, "Through Glade and Mead"; Drummond, "Ascent of Man"; Hill, "Harvard College by an Oxonian"; Sherman, "Recollections of Forty Years." The Review of Reviews, McClure's, and Outlook have been added to the list of periodicals.

The new books are placed where they can be examined by any one interested to do so. The card catalog has been moved outside the counter and is now accessible for general use. The cards in the drawers contain authors, titles, and subjects arranged in one alphabet and are more convenient to consult than the many supplements of the printed catalog. The card catalog contains all the books except those of the Ammidown Library, for which readers must refer to the printed lists.

A box of recommendation slips stands near the charging desk. Any person wishing to suggest a book to be bought for the Library is invited to note its author and title on one of these slips. The recommendations are considered by the book committee whenever a list is made up for purchase and such as are thought advisable are added to the list.

Paper covers have been removed from the books in sections 3, 5, 7 and 8 for the sake of improving the appearance of the Library and of greater convenience in consulting books on the shelves.

The putting in of electric lights in the reading room gives us better light and better air and relieves us from the necessity of closing the Library when the supply of gas fails.

For the accommodation of teachers the Library is now closed daily from 5.30 to 6.30 instead of from 5 to 6 p. m.

The regulations for circulation of books have been revised. The only important change made in them is dropping the age limit. Now any child able to write his name can draw books upon his own card, after the registration slip has been signed by the parent or other person responsible for the child.

At the February meeting the Committee voted to have the Librarian reclassify the Library. Whereas all the historical works are now arranged on the shelves in the order of their purchase, the proposed classification will bring together histories of each individual country. The same will be true of travel. To illustrate further, books on astronomy will stand side by side, instead of being scattered among all the other scientific and educational works. Such an arrangement ought to make the resources of the Library more readily available to persons wishing to look up a particular subject and thus add sufficiently to its usefulness to justify the undertaking. As the work of classification proceeds, lists of books in the main classes should be printed.

The need of providing adequate accommodations for the Library becomes daily more urgent. On a considerable proportion of the shelves the books stand in double rows, and are thus rendered inconvenient of access, and even such crowding will not be possible much longer. Not only is more space required for storing books, but the proper development of the Library for purposes of reference is seriously hampered from lack of a suitable reference room. We need not so much more books as a convenient place for using those we already have.

The function of the Public Library as a public educational institution supplementary to the schools has become generally recognized. Encouraging in children an interest in books, and directing that interest into wholesome lines, is a legitimate and important feature of library work. With this idea in mind, many libraries now provide a separate reading-room for children, believing that older readers can be made more comfortable and younger ones be better served by that arrangement. From the experience of the past year, and noting the increasing number of children coming to look at books, I believe the providing of such a room would be a wise investment for this Library.

One's attention is called almost daily to notices of gifts to local institutions, notably of library buildings to Massachusetts towns. Some such generosity and public spirit in Southbridge

would make it possible creditably to continue and develop an institution which has maintained itself honorably for twenty-five years, but which needs more abundant resources if it is to do the work it should.

The usual tables of statistics and a list of books added during the year, follow this report.

HARRIET H. STANLEY, Librarian.

Accessions.

Bound volumes in Library March 1, 1895,	15,502
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J Paramate,	
added by gifts, 79	
binding periodicals & pamphlets, 60	
	419
Bound volumes in Library March 1, 1896,	15,921
Periodicals (odd numbers) in Library March 1,	
1895,	460
Pamphlets, 773	
Pamphlets added, 48	
Tamphiets added,	. 821
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Unbound material in Library March 1, 1896,	1,281
Circulation.	
Days the Library was open,	306
Number of volumes issued for home use,	19,752
Average daily issue,	65
Largest daily issue February 8,	185
Smallest daily issue January 1,	12
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Registration of Readers.

Accounts	s opened from the beginning,	5,695
66	cancelled " " "	2,526
66	opened the past year,	214
44	now open,	3,169

Classification of Accessions and Circulation.

		No. added.	Now in Library.	No. circulated.	
1	Fiction,	83	1.814	8,403	42.54
2	Juvenile,	42	1,075	3,947	19.98
3	History,	18	1,255	669	3.38
4	Biography,	17	1,183	462	2.33
5	Travel,	19	839	728	3.68
6	Poetry,	5	627	416	2.16
7	Science and Education,	28	825	559	2.83
8	Literature and Art,	16	1,035	534	2.70
9	Religion,	5	516	165	.83
10	Complete Works,		255	105	.53
11	Miscellaneous Works,		430	226	1.14
12	Bound Periodicals,	42	1,463	693	3.50
13	Agriculture,	2	192	24	.12
14	Law Reports of Mass.,	1	196		
15	Mass. Public Documents,	19	495	2	.01
16	U. S. "	53	1,439	2	.01
17	French Books,	38	356	2,141	10.83
18	Unbound Periodicals,			603	3.05
R.	Reference Books,	24	767	73	.36
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Circulation by Months for the Past Ten Years.

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March,	1,726	1,623	1,682	1,749	2,002	1,699	1,564	1,923	2,328	2,142
April,	1,407	1,268	1,270	1,363	1,558	1,531	1,354	1,588	1,855	1,620
May,	1,312	1,045	1,171	1,209	1,429	1,292	1,140	1,330	1,551	1,364
June,	1,314	1,172	1,015	1,245	1,302	1,225	1,126	1,214	1,613	1,295
July,	1,367	1,062	1,106	1,430	1,328	1,237	1,234	1,418	1,601	1,505
August,	1,241	1,179	1,137	1,442	1,430	1,145	1,388	1,535	1,726	1,514
September, -	1,194	1,122	1,201	1,225	1,481	1,101	1,217	1,604	1,703	1,359
October,	1,211	1,136	1,338	1,469	1,565	1,301	1,300	1,704	1,786	1,545
November,	1,303	1,239	1,376	1,680	1,379	1,295	1,376	1,874	1,898	1,768
December,	1,313	1,274	1,419	1,532	1,515	015,1	1,684	2,062	1,859	1,785
January,	1,470	1,337	1,796	1,798	1,739	1,538	1,670	2,553	2,180	1,990
February, -	1,440	1,490	1,650	1,646	1,581	1,886	1,617	2,411	1,820	1,865
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Periodicals and Newspapers in the Reading Room.

Abbreviations: (bm) bi-monthly, (d) daily, (f) fortnightly, (m) monthly, (q) quarterly, (sw) semi-weekly, (w) weekly.

GIVEN.

American Magazine of Civics, (m) C. L. Newhall.

Book Reviews, (m) Publishers.

Catholic Quarterly Review, Rev. J. B. Drennan.

Christian Leader, (w) Young People's Christian Union.

Collector, C. L. Newhall.

Congressional Record, (d) Hon. J. H. Walker.

Consular Reports, (m) U.S. Bureau of Statistics.

Cook's Excursionist, (m) Publishers.

Donahoe's Magazine, (m) Rev. J. B. Drennan.

Hatch Experiment Station Bulletin, (m) Mass. Ag. College.

Home Market Bulletin, (m) Publishers.

Land of Sunshine, (m)

Library Bulletin, (q) Hartford Public Library.

" (m) Springfield "

Literary News, (m) Publishers,

Massachusetts Ploughman, (w) Linus Darling, ed.

New England Farmer, (w) G. M. Whitaker, ed.

Official Gazette, (w) U. S. Patent Office.

Our Dumb Animals, (m) Publishers.

Purple, (m) M. J. Earls.

Royal Arcanum Guide, (m) Phænix Council.

Southbridge Herald, (w) W. T. Robinson & D. S. Dougherty.

Southbridge Journal, (w) F. C. Goulding.

Press, (w) J. W. Ellam & George Grant.

Spirit of '76, (m) C. L. Newhall.

Travelers' Record, (m) Publishers.

Union Signal, (w) Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

SUBSCRIBED FOR.

American Architect. (w) Art Interchange, (m) Atlantic Monthly, Bookman, (m) Boston Herald, (d)

Journal, (d)

Journal of Commerce, (w) Popular Educator, (m)

Transcript, (d)

Century, (m)

Christian Advocate, (w)

English Illustrated, (m)

Forum, (m)

Harper's Bazar, (w)

Monthly,

Round Table, (w)

Weekly,

Journal of Am. Folklore, (q)

Education, (w)

Library Journal, (m)

Literary World, (f)

Littell's Living Age, (w)

McClure's Magazine, (m)

Magazine of Art. (m)

Methodist Review, (bm)

New England Magazine, (m)

New York Tribune, (d)

New York World, (d)

North American Review, (m)

Outlook, (w)

Popular Science Monthly,

Review of Reviews, (m)

St. Nicholas, (m)

Science, (w)

Scientific American, (w)

Supplement, (w)

Scribner's Magazine, (m)

Southbridge Journal, (w) Springfield Republican, (d)

Webster Times, (w)

Westminster Review, (q)

Windham Co. Transcript, (sw)

Worcester Gazette, (d)

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FOR HOME USE.

Atlantic Monthly.

Century.

Harper's Monthly.

New England Magazine.

North American Review.

St. Nicholas.

Scribner's Magazine.

List of Books Added During 1895.

FICTION.

- 1-1756. Allen, J. L. Kentucky cardinal.
- 1-1787. Bagby, A. M. "Miss Träumerei."
- 1-1778. Barlow, Jane. Maureen's fairing.
- 1-1758. Barr. Mrs. A. E. Flower of Gala Water.
- 1-1800. Bell, Lilian. Little sister to the wilderness.
- 1-1753. Besant, Walter. Beyond the dreams of avarice.
- 1-1781. Black, William. Highland cousins.
- 1-1813. Blackmore, R. D. Slain by the Doones and other stories.
- 1-1808. Brown, Alice. Meadow grass.
- 1-1788. Burnham, Mrs. C. L. Miss Bagg's secretary.
- 1-1767. Burnham, Mrs. C. L. Sweet clover.
- 1-1804. Burnham. Mrs. C. L. Wise woman.
- 1-1792. Cable, G. W. John March, Southerner.
- 1-1784. Carruth, Hayden. Adventures of Jones.
- 1-1741. Clemens, S. L. Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson.
- 1-1735. Cabbleigh, Tom. Gentleman Upcott's daughter.
- 1-1770. Coffin, C. C. Daughters of the revolution.
- 1-1775. Conscience, Henry. Marie, the fisherman's daughter.
- 1-1740. Couch. A. T. Quiller- Delectable ducky, by "Q."
- 1-1793. Crawford, F. M. Don Orsino (sequel to Sant' Ilario.)
- 1-1741-2. Crawford, F. M. Ralstons (sequel to Katharine Lauderdale.)
- 1-1752. Crockett, S. R. Bog-myrtle and peat.
- 1-1796. Crockett, S. R. Lilac sunbonnet.
- 1-1818. Crockett, S. R. Men of the moss-lags.
- 1-1751. Crockett, S. R. Stickit minister.
- 1-1780. Davis, R. H. Van Bibber and others.
- 1-1820. Dougall, Lily. Beggars all.
- 1-1763-6. Dumas, A. D. Count of Monte Cristo.
- 1-1748. Duncan S. J. Vernon's aunt.
- 1-1784-5. Ebers, Georg. In the fire of the forge.

- 1-1771. Edwards, G. W. P'tit Matinic' and other stories.
- 1-1809. Fletcher, J. S. When Charles the first was king.
- 1-1746. Gale, Norman. June romance.
- 1-1786. Goodwin, M. W. Head of a hundred.
- 1-1819. Grant, Robert. Bachelor's Christmas and other stories.
- 1-1738. Green, A. K. Doctor, his wife, and the clock.
- 1-1795. Green, A. K. Doctor Izard.
- 1-1791. Green, A. K. Hand and ring.
- 1-1750. Harris, Frank. Elder Conklin and other stories.
- 1-1747. Harrison, Mrs. C. C. Bachelor maid.
- 1-1797. Harrison, Mrs. C. C. Errant wooing.
- 1-1802. Harte, Bret. Clarence (sequel to Susy.)
- 1-1776. Hepworth, G. H. Brown studies.
- 1-1803. Hope, Anthony. Chronicles of Count Antonis.
- 1-1744. Hope, Anthony. Father Stafford.
- 1-1735. Hope, Anthony. Indiscretion of the duchess.
- 1-1806. King, A. E. Kitwyk stories.
- 1-1782. King, Capt. Charles. Story of Fort Frayne.
- 1-1769. King, Capt. Charles. Under fire.
- 1-1811. Maartens, Maarten. My Lady Nobody.
- 1-1736. Mackie, John. Devil's playground.
- 1-1757. Maclaren, Ian. Beside the bonnie brierbush.
- 1-1801. Maclaren, Ian. Days of auld lang syne.
- 1-1817. Mattock, W. H. Heart of life.
- 1-1812. Matthews, Brander. His father's son.
- 1-1768. Mitchell, S. W. When all the woods are green.
- 1-1774. Montrésor, F. F. Into the highways and hedges.
- 1-1798. Nodier, Charles. Trilby, the fairy of Argyle.
- 1-1810. Parker, Gilbert. When Valmond came to Pontiac.
- 1-1737. Pendleton, Louis. Sons of Ham.
- 1-1794. Pool, M. L. Out of step (sequel to Two Salomes.)
- 1-1755. Russell, W. C. Good ship Mohock.
- 1-1773. Schindler, Solomon. Young West (sequel to Bellamy's Looking backward.)
- 1-1759. Sienkiewicz, Henryk. With fire and sword.

- 1-1760-1. Sienkiewicz, Henryk. The deluge (sequel to With fire and sword.)
- 1-1762. Sienkiewicz, Henryk. Pan Michael (sequel to The deluge.)
- 1-1799. Stannard, Mrs. A. Major's favorite.
- 1-1779. Stevenson, R. L. Kidnapped.
- 1-1772. Stevenson, R. L. Treasure island.
- 1-1783. Stockton, F. R. Adventures of Captain Horn.
- 1-1821. Sullivan, J. W. Tenement tales of New York.
- 1-1807. Townsend, E. W. "Chimmie Fadden."
- 1-1789. Ward, Mrs. M. A. Story of Bessie Costrell.
- 1-1743. Watson, A. C. Off Lynnport light.
- 1-1815. Weyman, S. J. From the memoirs of a minister of France.
- 1-1790. Weyman, S. J. House of the wolf.
- 1-1814. Weyman, S. J. King's stratagem and other stories.
- 1-1816. Weyman, S. J. Red cockade.
- 1-1805. Wiggin, Mrs. K. D. Village watch tower.
- 1-1739. Yeats, S. L. Honour of Savelli.
- 1-1745. Zangwill, Isaac. Children of the Ghetto.
- 1-1777. Zangwill, Isaac. The master.

JUVENILE.

- 2-1036. Alcott, L. M. Proverb stories.
- 2-1058. Burnett, Mrs. F. H. Piccino and other child stories.
- 2-1065. Burnett, Mrs. F. H. Two little pilgrims' progress.
- 2-1063. Cooke, M. C. Across the common.
- 2-1064. Cooke, M. C. Around a cornfield.
- 2-1060. Cooke, M. C. Down the lane and back.
- 2-1062. Cooke, M. C. Stroll on a marsh.
- 2-1061. Cooke, M. C. Through the copse.
- 2-1067. Cox, Palmer. Brownies through the Union.
- 2-1050. Drake, S. A. Watch fires of '76.
- 2-1037. Fenn, G. M. Bunyip land.
- 2-1059. Fenn, G. M. Crystal hunters.

- 2-1038. Fenn, G. M. Dick o' the fens.
- 2-1039. Fenn, G. M. Menhardoc.
- 2-1040. Fenn, G. M. Mother Carey's chicken.
- 2-1073. Fenn, G. M. Young Castellan.
- 2-1056-7. Gatty, Mrs. M. S. Parables from nature.
- 2-1041. Grimm, J. L. and W. K. Household stories.
- 2-1049. Henty, G. A. Dragon and the raven.
- 2.1071. Henty, G. A. Knight of the white cross.
- 2-1042. Howard, B. L. No heroes.
- 2-1074. King, Capt. Charles. Trooper Ross, and Signal Butte.
- 2-1066. Knox, T. W. In wild Africa.
- 2-1079. Lang, Andrew, ed. Blue poetry book.
- 2-1075. Lang, Andrew, ed. Green fairy book.
- 2-1053. Lang, Andrew, ed. Red fairy book.
- 2-1070. Lang, Andrew, ed. Yellow fairy book.
- 2-1043. Leighton, Robert. Pilots of Pomona.
- 2-1076. Lodge, H. C. and Roosevelt, Theodore. Hero tales from American history.
- 2-1044. Munroe, Kirk. Coral ship.
- 2-1069. Munroe Kirk. Snow shoes and sledges (sequel to Fur seal's tooth.)
- 2-1045. Nisbet, Hume. The divers.
- 2-1072. Norton, C. L. Jack Benson's log.
- 2-1078. Palgrave, F. T., ed. Children's treasury of lyrical poetry.
- 2-1051. Perry, Nora. Hope Benham.
- 2-1068. Pyle, Howard. Story of Jack Ballister's fortunes.
- 2-1052. Richards, Mrs. L. E. Captain January.
- 2-1046. Richards, Mrs. L. E. Marie.
- 2-1047. Richards, Mrs. L. E. Melody.
- 2-1048. Richards, Mrs. L. E. When I was your age.
- 2-1055. Shaw, F. L. Castle Blair.
- 2-1054. Shaw, F. L. Hector.
- 2-1077. Stoddard, W. O. Chumley's post.

HISTORY.

- 3-1268. Besant, Walter. London.
- 3-1261. Drake, S. A. Making of Virginia and the middle colonies.
- 3-1269. Edwards, A. B. Pharaohs, fellahs, and explorers.
- 3-1277. Eggleston, Edward. Household history of the United States.
- 3-1276. Fiske, John. History of the United States for schools.
- 3-1270. Froude, J. A. English seamen in the 16th century.
- 3-1264-7. Gardiner, S. R. History of the great civil war, 1642-9.
- 3-1271. Gilman, Arthur. Story of Boston.
- 3-1260. Grand army of the republic—Dept. of Mass. Early history of the department of Massachusetts G. A. R., 1866-80.
- 3-1262. Latimer, Mrs. M. E. W. England in the 19th century.
- 3-1263. Mahan, A. T. Influence of sea power upon history, 1660-1783.
- 3-1272. Petrie, W. M. Flinders. Ten years' digging in Egypt, 1881-91.
- 3-1274. Roe, A. S. Old Representatives' hall, 1798-1895; an address.
- 3-1273. Roberts, E. W., Irwin, R. W., and Gallivan, J. A. History of the emblem of the codfish in the hall of the House of Representatives.
- 3-1275. Shaw, Albert. Municipal government in Great Britain.

BIOGRAPHY.

- 4-1181. Andersen, H. C. Story of my life.
- 4-1185-6. Bagehot, Walter. Literary studies.
- 4-1189. Beazley, C. R. Henry the navigator, 1394-1460.
- 4-1182. Cary, G. E. George William Curtis.
- 4-1188. Clarke, T. M., D. D. Reminiscences.
- 4-1190. Dodge, M. A. Biography of James G. Blaine.
- 4-1194. Earle, Mrs. A. M. Margaret Winthrop.

- 4-1193. Nixon, O. W. How Marcus Whitman saved Oregon.
- 4-1191-2. Orr, Mrs. Sutherland. Life and letters of Robert Browning.
- 4-1187. Runnels, M. T. Memorial sketches and history of the class of 1853, Dartmouth college.
- 4-1183-4. Sala, G. A. Life and adventures, by himself.
- 4-1195-6. Sherman, John. Recollections of forty years.
- 4 1180. Willard, J. A. Half a century with judges and lawyers.

TRAVEL.

- 5-823. Allen, T. G. & Sachtleben, W. L. Across Asia on a bicycle.
- 5-833. Bädeker, Karl. Great Britain: handbook for travellers.
- 5-824. Ballantine, Henry. On India's frontier.
- 5-825. Ballou, M. M. Pearl of India.
- 5-826, Bishop, Mrs. I. B. Among the Tibetans.
- 5-834. Burwell, L. M. Girl's life in Virginia before the war.
- 5-827. Butler, William. Land of the Veda.
- 5-832. Conway, W. M. Climbing and exploration in the Karakorum Himalayas.
- 5-835-6. Hearn, Lafcadio. Glimpses of unfamiliar Japan.
- 5-828. Holcombe, Chester. Real Chinaman.
- 5-837. Lummis, C. F. Tramp across the continent.
- 5-822. Raum, G. E. Tour around the world.
- 5-840. Remington, Frederick. Pony tracks.
- 5-829. Stevenson, R. L. Travels with a donkey in the Cévennes.
- 5-839. Tiffany, Francis. This goodly frame the earth.
- 5-838. Vincent, Frank. Actual Africa.
- 5-830. Wharton, A. H. Colonial days and dames.
- 5-831. Wharton, A. H. Through colonial doorways.

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6-632. Aldrich, T. B. Unguarded gates and other poems.

- 6-628. Bellamy, William. Century of charades.
- 6-626. Ibsen, Henrik. Little Eyolf.
- 6-627. Rifey, J. W. Armazindy.
- 6-629. Smith, S. F., D. D. Poems of home and country.

SCIENCE AND EDUCATION.

- 7-816. American Hoyle, by "Trumps."
- 7-814. Bok, Edward. Successward.
- 7-801. Bolles, Frank. From Blomidon to Smoky.
- 7-822. Bonney, G. E. Electro-platers handbook.
- 7-799. Call, A. P. As a matter of course.
- 7-804. Chambers, G. F. Story of the stars.
- 7-805. Clodd, Edward. Story of "primitive" man.
- 7-824. Crocker, F. B. & Wheeler, S. S. Practical management of dynamos and motors.
- 7-806. Drummond, Henry. Lowell lectures on the ascent of man.
- 7-817. Edwards, Emory. Nine hundred examination questions and answers for engineers and firemen.
- 7-812. Hill, G. B. Harvard college, by an Oxonian.
- 7-800. Jackson, Joseph. Through glade and mead.
- 7-801. Jerrold, Walter. Electricians and their marvels.
- 7-823. Kapp. Gisbert. Electric transmission of energy.
- 7-807. Kidd, Benjamin. Social evolution.
- 7-827. Lewis, A. J. Parlor amusements.
- 7-815. Lloyd, H. D. Wealth against commonwealth.
- 7-808. Mathews, F. S. Familiar flowers of field and garden.
- 7-826. Mayne, Leger D., pseud. What shall we do to-night?
- 7-813. Miall, L. C. Natural history of aquatic insects.
- 7-811. Morley, M. W. Song of life.
- 7-821. Peabody, C. H. Thermo-dynamics of the steam en gine.
- 7-819. Ripper, William. Steam.
- 7-809. Roosevelt, Theodore. Wilderness hunter.
- 7-818. Rose, Joshua. Complete practical machinist.

- 7-825. Sadtler, S. P. Handbook of industrial organic chemistry.
- 7-820. Thompson, S. P. Elementary lessons in electricity and magnetism.
- 7-810. Wright, M. O. Birderaft.

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- 3-1041. Bangs, J. K. Coffee and repartee.
- 3-1055. Bickerdyke, John. Days of my life on waters fresh and salt.
- 3-1052. Boyeson, H. H. Essays on Scandinavian literature.
- 8-1042-4. Curtis, G. W. Orations and addresses.
- 8-1056. Goodyear, W. H. History of art.
- 8-1046. Lincoln, Abraham. Table talk.
- 8-1050. Mahony, Rev. F. S. Reliques of Father Prout.
- 8-976. Morley, Henry. English writers, v. 10: Shakespeare and his time.
- 8-1047. Pater, Walter. Renaissance: studies in art and poetry.
- 3-1051. Perry, T. S. English literature in the 18th century.
- 3-1048. Phelps, W. L. Beginnings of the English romantic movement.
- 8-1053. Prime, W. C. Among the northern hills.
- 8-1054. Repplier, Agnes. Essays in idleness.
- 3-1049. Saintsbury, George. Corrected impressions: essays on Victorian writers.

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- 9-514. Bliss, W. R. Side glimpses from the old colonial meeting-house.
- 9-517. Gladden, Washington. Ruling ideas of the present age.
- 9-513. Griffis, W. E. Religions of Japan.
- 9-515. Hyde, W. D., D. D. Outlines of social theology.
- 9-516. Strong, Josiah, D. D. Our country.

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16-1445. U. S.—Civil Service Commission. Report. 1893-4.

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17-342-3. Berthe, A. père. Garcia Moreno, président de l'Equateur.

17-347. Daudet, Alphonse. Souvenirs d'un homme de lettres.

17-350. Ethampes, Gabrielle d'. La fille de l'organiste.

17-351. F., L. Les naufragés au Spitzbérg.

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17-345. Gautier, Théophile. Jettatura.

17-339-40. Genlis, S. F. D. de St. A., comtesse de. Les veillées du chateau.

17-333. Guérin, Eugénie de. Journal et fragments.

17-334. Guérin, Eugénie de. Lettres.

17-348-9. Keller, Emile. Le général de la Moricière.

17-341. Montépin, Xavier de. Le médecin des pauvres.

17-321. Ohnet, Georges. La comtesse Sarah.

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17-328. Ohnet, Georges. Dette de haine.

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17-331. Ohnet, Georges. Le droit de l'enfant.

17-323. Ohnet, Georges. La grande marnière.

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17-322. Ohnet, Georges. Lise, Fleuron.

- 17-320. Ohnet, Georges. Le maitre de forges.
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS of the POOR.



OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Farm and Almshouse.

Amount of orders drawn \$2,058 74, against \$2,075 18 last year.

Whole number of inmates 23, with an average of 17 all the year.

The net cost \$2 per week, includes services of Superintendent, Matron, hired help, physician, etc. The inventory of personal property is \$3,581 54, against \$3,583 61 last year, a loss or shrinkage of \$2 07.

The management of the property by Mr. and Mrs. George F. Northup, Superintendent and Matron, has been to the satisfaction and approval of the Overseers who have secured their services for another year and will commence their eighteenth year of continuous service.

The expenditures have been kept within the appropriation with a balance of \$142 89 to the credit of the account.

For the ensuing year we recommend an appropriation of \$2,000.

Outside Poor.

The Overseers of the Poor have drawn 213 orders. For the Outside, \$4,937 47, against \$6,779 last year; for the Farm and Almshouse, \$2,058 74; for Repairs of Buildings, \$45 74; total \$7.041 95. The amount for the Outside is \$1.841 less than last year. The total expense to the town \$4,523, and \$735 less than last year. This includes \$2,191 paid for the insane at hospitals; \$237 for persons having settlements in other towns; \$147 for persons in other towns having settlements in this town: \$174 for the state for unsettled persons: \$78 90 for 789 tramps. During the year \$1,162 has been collected from the state for aid furnished state paupers. The expenses for the insane at the Hospitals are increasing from year to year, and amount this year to over 43 per cent. of the outside account. The full amount \$169 46 paid Worcester Hospital for Annie Monroe, has been paid to the town by James Monroe. The expenditures have been kept within the appropriations, with a credit balance of \$1,823 95 to the account. Inmates of the hospitals are:

Catherine Tynan, John Brogan, Hendrick L. Smith, James W. Ryan, John Coldrick, Edward H. Hill, Mary Kavanaugh,
James Minns,
Thomas Boyle,
Minnie Stone,
Mrs. Albert Lovely,
Nazerine Lamont.

For the ensuing year we recommend an appropriation of \$4.000.

C. A. PAIGE,
HENRY A. MORSE,
F. GATINEAU,
Overseers of the Poor.

Inventory of Personal Property at the Almshouse and Farm, Feb. 29, 1896.

Class	1, Stock,	\$1,170	50		
	2, Hay and Grain,	494	90		
	3, Carts, wagons and farming tool	ls, 918	30		
	4, Household furniture,	315	70		
	5, Beds and bedding,	275	00		
	6, Family supplies,	407	14		
				\$3,581	54
Inven	tory of 1895,			\$3,583	61
S	hrinkage or loss from last year,			*2	07

A. E. WELD, H. P. MORSE, SILAS B. MORSE,

Appraisers.

Account of Cash

Received and paid Town Treasurer by C. A. Paige for account of Overseers of Poor for the year ending February 29, 1896:

James Monroe, for hospital charges,	*169 46	
City Worcester, aid Charles Burroughs.	8 00)
City Worcester, aid David Shaw,	52 00)
Town of Williamsburg, aid Mrs. Helen	L.	
Witherell,	84 00)

Town of Sturbridge, aid Mrs. Paul Phaneuf,	35	00
Felix Gatineau, produce from farm.	117	77
Geo. F. Northup, cash sales at farm,	176	00

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Inmates of Almshouse.

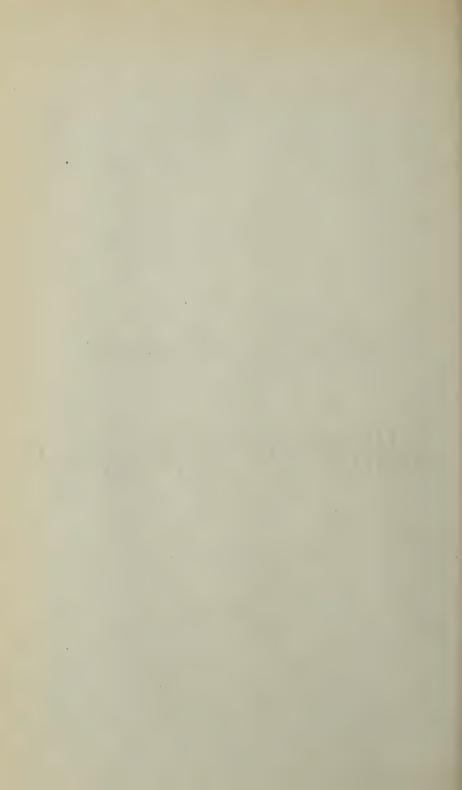
The following persons have been inmates a part or all of the year. Those marked * were inmates March 1, 1896:

*John Clark,	aged 90
*Charles Congdon,	aged 50
*Lucy Harding,	aged 66
*Catharine Welch,	aged 80
*Daniel Holden,	aged 75
*Regina Fogle,	aged 74
*Sarah J. McColgan,	aged 56
Catharine Curry, died Sept. 4, 1895.	aged 74
*Thomas Kerwin,	aged 53
Ann Mitchell,	aged 62
Frank Folsom, died April 27, 1895,	aged 56
*John Mack,	aged 75
*Caroline Clark,	aged 83
Lewis Homann,	aged 67
*Ann Coldrick,	aged 60
*John Foley,	aged 89
*Catherine Foley,	aged 73
*Julia Carney.	aged 68
*John Murphy,	aged 72
Eliza Morrissey, died April 8, 1895,	aged 66

Daniel J. Holden, Peter Reed, died Oct. 16, 1895, Peter Lamont, aged 40 aged 18 aged 27

Average 17.

C. A. PAIGE.
HENRY A. MORSE.
F. GATINEAU.
Overseers of the Poor.



ANNUAL REPORT

I THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Office of School Committee, Southbridge, March 13, 1896.

The Chairman and Superintendent presented the annual reports for the school year ending February 29, 1896.

Voted to accept the reports and adopt them as the report of the Committee.

J. T. CLARKE, Secretary.

School Officials and Teachers.

School Committee for 1895=96.

ISAAC P. HYDE,	Term expires 1896
F. X. TETRAULT,	Term expires 1896
REV. S. HAYWARD,	Term expires 1897
REV. J. B. DRENNAN,	Term expires 1897
GEORGE M. LOVELL,	Term expires 1898
A. J. BARTHOLOMEW,	Term expires 1898

Officers of School Board.

REV. SILVANUS HAYWARD, Chairman. GEORGE M. LOVELL, Secretary.

Regular monthly meeting first Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

J. T. CLARKE, Superintendent of Schools and Clerk of the Board. Office, Town Hall.

Office Hours: School days, 4 to 5 p. m.; 7 to 7.30 Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings.

Names of Teachers, March, 1896.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Fred E. Corbin, Principal. Sarah L. O'Toole and Ransom P. Nichols, Assistants.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Mary A. Hadley, Mary Belle Sherman, Alice Holmes, Isabella P. Taylor.

INTERMEDIATE.

Louise O. Twombly, Mary E. Meagher, Jane Farquhar, Mary E. Clemence.

PRIMARY.

Mabel J. Newell, A. Rebecca Rowley, Mrs. S. M. Knight, Agnes M. Meagher, Mary A. Ellis, Mary E. McCabe, Martha Cutting, Alice B. Aldrich, Margaret G. Butler.

UNGRADED.

Ida M. Plimpton, Clara P. Chase, Mary L. Boardman, Margaret L. O'Hara.

Special Teacher of Drawing, Eva Benham.

Special Teacher of Music, Mrs. H. N. Carpenter.

Report of School Committee.

TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTHBRIDGE:

Another year has passed with only such changes in the schools as usually come in the natural course of events. There is the same old story, no less irksome for us to say, than for you to hear. The simple fact remains, growing more conspicuous and more urgent every year, that our schools are neither properly nor sufficiently accommodated, and can never become creditable to the town, till more and better buildings are provided. Having already purchased one of the best lots in the place for this very purpose, there is no plausible excuse for not immediately erecting upon it a school house which shall be both a blessing and an honor to the town. No objection has been offered, or can be devised that has not some personal consideration behind it. And certainly every good citizen should allow all personal interests to be totally eclipsed by the needs of the children. It is an axiom to all wise men, that every smaller good, however desirable in itself, should always be set aside for that which is higher. And it requires no argument to convince thinking men that the welfare of the schools is higher and more important than the sum of all other interests with which the town has to deal.

Prominent men, having every opportunity to know whereof they affirm, have recently said that in the last few years there has been a marked lowering of honor and integrity in business centers, [both East and West, and the suggestion has been made that it is largely due to increasing laxity of discipline in schools. Certainly the character of the coming citizen, for whatever sphere of thought or action, is mainly determined by the early years of school life. The importance of a wholesome and sturdy moral tone in education cannot be over-estimated. The steadfast maintenance of such an influence in the schools depends ultimately on the will of the parents. Your attention is specially invited to remarks on Moral Training in the Super-intendent's report herewith presented. This report with the following Financial Statement contains the important facts relating to our schools for the past year.

Financial Statement.

High School.

Balance from last year,	\$225	95	
Appropriation,	3,100	00	
Tuition from other towns,	220	09	
			\$2 546 (

Common Schools.

Balance from last year,	\$54 0 65
Appropriation,	11,275 00
Tuition from other towns,	9 00

Contingent Schools.

	\$2,502 09
Books, supplies, etc., sold,	34 88
Appropriation,	2,450 00
Balance from last year,	\$17 21

Apparatus.

Balance from last year,	\$9	56		
Appropriation,	200	00		
			\$209	56

Evening Schools.

Balance from last year,	\$3	39		
Appropriation,	650	00		
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The committee have expended:

High School.

Salaries of teachers,	\$2,592 75		
Janitor and fuel,	500 00		
		\$3,092	75

Common Schools.

Salaries of teachers and superintendent,	\$9,843	70
Care of buildings,	738	25
Fuel,	556	84
Tuitions,	100	00
		 \$11,238 79

Contingent Schools.

For books,	\$804	75		
For supplies,	591	91		
For repairs,	459	20		
For incidentals,	621	01		
			\$2,476	87

Apparatus.

Evening Schools.

Teachers. §	146	(0)
Care of rooms.	48	50
Fuel and lights,	22	12
Books and supplies.	40	54
Incidentals.	54	52
Rent.	3/100	(0)
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Total expenditures.		\$17,660 20
Balance in hands of treasurer.		1,075 58
Books and supplies on hand, not distributed.		719 70

Of the \$600 appropriated in April, 1894, for plans and specifications for a new Grammar School building, the Committee have drawn \$130.

Appropriations for Next Year.

High sehool—				
Teachers,	\$2,600	00		
Janitor and fuel.	500	00		
			53,100	1111
Common schools—				
Teachers and superintendent.	89.800	00		
Janitors.	775	00		
Fuel,	700	00		
Tuition.	100	00		
			\$11,375	00
Contingent schools—				
Books,	\$600	00		
Supplies.	and	00		

Repairs,	\$700 00	
Incidentals,	750 00	
	\$2,650 00)
Apparatus,	\$200 00)
Evening schools,	650 0)
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	\$17,975 0	9.

Respectfully submitted,

In behalf of the Committee,

SILVANUS HAYWARD, Chairman.

Southbridge, Mass., March 13, 1896.

Superintendent's Report.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

The school report for the year 1895-6 is herewith respectfully presented. This report is the eleventh of the series of annual reports of the Superintendent, and presents the usual statistics and information relative to the administration of school affairs. The reports of the work of the same system of schools—under conditions varying little, having the same general outline of studies, and, with few exceptions, the same corps of teachers—must necessarily show similarity from year to year. It has been a year of successful work, with nothing to seriously interrupt the quiet, orderly progress in all the schools.

Summary of Statistics.

Population of the Town, State census, 1895,	8,250
Valuation of the Town for 1895,	\$8,558,457
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age,	1,678
Number enrolled in public schools during the year,	1,125
Number under 5 years of age,	16
Number over 15 years of age,	97
Number between 5 and 15,	1,012
Number between 8 and 14,	555
Average number belonging,	752.40
Average daily attendance,	708.82
Per cent. of attendance,	94.21

Cost Per Pupil.

Current expenses, including teaching, fuel and care	,	
of buildings,	\$14,331	54
Cost per pupil, based on total enrollment,	12	74
Cost per pupil, based on average enrollment,		04
Total expenditures, less permanent repairs,	16,820	28
Cost per pupil based on whole number,		95
Cost per pupil based on average enrollment,	22	35
Cost per pupil in High school,	35	14

Through the courtesy of the instructors we are able to give the following statistics of the parochial schools:

Number enrolled at the Notre Dame Parochial school,	764
Average number belonging,	610
Average attendance,	554
Per cent. of attendance,	90.80
Total enrollment at St. Mary's Parochial school,	152
Average number belonging,	144
Average attendance,	137
Per cent. of attendance,	95.14

Attendance by Schools.

schools.	Whole Number Enrolled.	Average Number Belonging.	Average Attendance	Per cent, of Attendance.	Per cent, of Tardiness of each Pupil.	Number of Weeks of School,
High School	88	64.65	62.91	97.40	3.64	39.3
Higher Grammar-Main Street	40	29.14	28.58	29.08	5.10	37.2
School street	18	17.06	16.64	97.54	.89	37.3
Lower Grammar-Main street	53	34.79	32.62	93.76	1.39	37.2
School street	46	33.31	32.02	96.14	.65	37.2
Intermediate—Main street	74	46.60	42.25	90.66	.56	37.2
Union street	4.5	32.15	30.97	96.35	.80	37.3
River street	35	20.12	19.27	95.77	2.31	37.3
Town Hall	3.5	25,59	23.56	93.65	2.22	37.0
Higher Primary—Elm street	67	47.55	44.25	92.48	6.09	37.2
School street	-45)	38.54	36.40	94.44	2.00	37.3
Carpenter Lower Primary—Elm street	57 40	32.41	30.26	93.36	2.95	37.3
Main street	72	34.80	32.55 37.10	93.53 92.75	3.69	37.3 37.3
Town Hall	42	35.19	33.82	96.11	1.78	37.2
School street	65	51.75	48.29	93.31	1.67	37.3
River street	58	28.72	27.76	96.65		37.3
Carpenter	87	45.27	42.89	94.95		37.3
Mixed Primary—Summer	65	29.80	26.83	90.03	.82	37.3
Ammidown	54	36.82	34.15	92.74	1.64	37.0
Ungraded—Bacon	16	12.08	10.36	85.74	1.31	37.2
Hooker	19	15.76	14.94	94.79	.89	37.3
	1,125	752.40	708.82	94.21	2.08	37.3

Attendance Roll of Honor.

List of pupils reported as perfect in attendance, neither absent nor tardy during the year. Others have always been in their places except when detained by illness:

Frank Chipman,
Emily Haynes,
Charles Wood,
Ernest Herron,
John J. Allman,
Peter Perry.

Bert Butterworth, Annie Vincelette,
Albert R. Blanchard, John Darling,
Philip Tetrault,
Lillie Macnie,
Florida Caplette,
Carrie Irons,
Flora Ferron,

Perfect in attendance two terms:

Alice Sanders. Eugene Tetrault, Ethel Seavey, Sarah Haskell. J. Minnie Thompson, Martin Caplette, Grace Comberbach, Charles Reed. Sidney Haskell, Lienne Tetrault. Hector Leclair. Leo Dumas. Emily Comberbach, Joseph Coggins, Mary Thimblin, Peter Laplante, Calvin Brainard. Thomas Kelly, Francis Morrissev, Carrie Comberbach, Robert Cooney, Fannie Darling, Laura Gatineau. Cora Freeman, George Lombard, Florence Vinton. Kittie Eccleston. Willie Blair.

111 others have been perfect in attendance one term.

In the enrollment of the children of school age in May 1894, the number returned showed 52 less than in the preceding year. The enrollment of last May gave 53 less than in 1894. The number enrolled in the public schools is ten more than in the preceding year, and the per cent. of attendance is considerably higher, and is a near approach to the highest to be expected in any schools. Ordinarily, at least five per cent. must be allowed for necessary interruption of attendance.

The financial statement shows a balance to the credit of each account. \$229.09 have been received for tuition of pupils from

other towns, and \$100 has been paid for tuition. The total expenditures of the year are somewhat less than in the previous year, less having been done in repairs and improvements of buildings. The number of orders drawn during the year is 555. By the approval of the School Committee, to save time and avoid an unnecessary number of small bills and separate orders, the Superintendent has been accustomed to pay many small incidental expenses occurring in this department, mostly under contingent account, and occasionally to render an itemized bill of the same for approval of the Committee.

Evening Schools.

The Evening Schools opened September 9 and continued 15 weeks, each of the four divisions having three evenings a week and, in all, from 40 to 42 sessions. The make-up of the schools showed the same general features as in previous years. Nearly all in attendance were of primary grade, thus limiting the instruction to the most elementary work. The majority manifested a desire to learn and appeared to appreciate the opportunity for improving their knowledge of the English language. A few have attended year after year, and have made such progress that they seem prepared to take up higher work than has thus far been attempted. There were a few who attended on compulsion and showed little interest in the work, and had to be followed up sharply to compel them to secure the required attendance. In some instances it became necessary to require delinquents to make up lost time by attending extra nights at one of the other schools. During the early part of the term the attendance and work were much interrupted by the several fairs near the center school.

The order in the classrooms was generally good, and no one, during the session, was dismissed for disorderly conduct, as has been the case each previous year.

The law requires that during the sessions of the Evening Schools reports shall be made each week to the several employers of the attendance of those pupils who are in their employ. To carry out the letter of the law would require much time each week in filling out as many notices as there are pupils, and forward the same to the several employers. To simplify this matter and cause the least possible annoyance to employers, and at the same time, comply with the spirit of the law, notice is sent each week of all delinquents only. If no notice is received, employers understand that those in their employ are in regular attendance. Four members were present every evening: fifteen every evening but one: fourteen were absent twice; eighteen three times, and thirteen lost four nights. One-third of the whole number enrolled were absent not more than five evenings.

Number of schools.	4
Number of teachers employed,	. 8
Number of pupils enrolled, boys 112, girls 96, total	208
Members, who attended 70 per cent, of the sessions.	160
Average number belonging.	158.37
Average attendance.	142.88
Per cent. of attendance.	90.22
Total cost of schools for the season.	\$648.68
Cost per pupil.	\$3.12
Total cost of schools for the season.	\$648.68

Repairs.

In the line of repairs very little has been done during the year aside from keeping the building in ordinary condition. The repairing of damage caused by the lawlessness of street boys is, every year, not a small item of expense. The breaking of window glass and other damage to the outside of the school-houses are the result of malicious mischief, usually done on days when the schools are not in session.

The greater part of the blackboard surface in the classrooms is upon plastered walls. This has to be re-slated each year to keep the surface in working condition.

During the summer the Bacon school-house was thoroughly repaired and painted outside and inside; the walls furnished with slate blackboards, and a jacketed stove, with required arrangements for pure air and ventilation, provided. The cost of these improvements was \$119.24.

A new case was built in the principal's room at the High school, the one in the library room furnishing insufficient caseroom for the books, supplies, apparatus and minerals. This cost \$72.

It will be necessary, the coming year, to re-shingle the School-street building. This will cost about \$150.

In several of the class-rooms of Primary and Intermediate grades there are large, backward children for whom the desks are altogether too small. These children are of the age and size for the Grammar classes, and cannot be suitably accommodated at the desks of the lower grade rooms. These rooms should be re-seated and a sufficient number of larger desks provided to accommodate the larger pupils.

Four of the school-houses in use have not suitable means of heating and ventilation. The changes required to supply needful sanitary conditions in one or more of these buildings likely to be continued in use should be made the coming year.

The school at the Dennison district has been closed since December, 1894. Nearly all the children in that district live at Westville, near the small No. 10 school in Sturbridge. Arrangements were made with the School Committee of Sturbridge to accommodate such of these pupils as cannot attend one of the group of schools at Globe Village. This adjustment has resulted in a more regular attendance; the children—with two or three exceptions—are much better accommodated and at a considerable less expense than required to maintain

the Dennison school. There are now seventeen children of school age in the district besides those who attend the village schools. The homes of these children are so widely separated that it is not practicable to arrange for transportation to the School-street schools.

Flags.

Before the passage of the act of March 1895, requiring school committees to provide a United States flag for every school house (see appendix), nearly all the buildings had already been provided with flags, in most cases by contributions of pupils, teachers and friends. By direction of the School Committee a flag 22 ft. by 14 ft., was purchased for the High school, and others of smaller size to replace the worn-out flags of other buildings. There has been expended during the year for new flags \$53.40; for repairs of old ones \$3.95, a total of \$57.35.

Moral Training.

PUBLIC STATUTES, CHAP. 44, SECT. 15.

"It shall be the duty of teachers to exert their best endeavors to impress on the mirds of children and youth committed to their care and instruction the principles of piety and justice and a sacred regard to truth; love of country, humanity and universal benevolence; sobriety, industry and frugality; chastity, moderation and temperance; and those virtues which are an ornament of human society and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded; and it shall be the duty of teachers to lead their pupils, as their ages and capacities will admit, into a clear understanding of the tendency of the above-

mentioned virtues to preserve a republican constitution and secure the blessings of liberty as well as to promote their future happiness, and also to point out to them the evil tendency of the opposite vices."

The statutes bearing upon Moral Training in the schools are explicit in their directions and purpose. Teachers are to use their best endeavors to train the young entrusted to their care to the practice of every virtue as a basis of honorable character and good citizenship. Training is becoming more and more to be recognized as the vital element of the teacher's work. To teach a child is to give him ideas, to train him is to enable him to get ideas himself and to reduce ideas to practice. When the pupil has learned how to control himself and how to study, the work of the teacher is greatly reduced. To know how to study—to find information—is the next best thing to possessing the desired information.

An essential element of school training is acquiring the habit of regularity in attendance. Without this no one can be interested and secure satisfactory results. This includes on time and every time. Children should be made to realize that school is their business, and regularity should be a controlling purpose. This means more than being in place and on time. It includes promptness in every requirement, the resisting every impulse to loiter, or to allow anything to interfere with the work in hand. The training that secures habits of regularity and promptness in all one's relations is of lasting and practical value. The lack of these acquirements is a serious obstacle to success.

Another element of school training is neat and orderly habits. This implies not only neatness of person and possessions, but a care for neat and orderly surroundings, and for neat and orderly work. The habit of neatness and order in one's work leads to self respect, and is suggestive of purity of thought and character.

Closely allied to the above is accuracy-exactness in

seeing, in hearing, in statement, in work and conduct. The expressions "near enough," "well enough" have no place in the school room vocabulary. Results are either right or wrong. Pupils should understand that nothing less than correctness, or at least, best efforts can be accepted by the teacher. Careless, slovenly work is not admissable in a well ordered school. Accurate work requires attention and close application—indispensable elements of scholarly character.

No school can be successful without a ready, cheerful obedience on the part of its pupils. To inspire such obedience there must be respect for, and confidence in the controlling power. The teacher must show a complete self control, a full and fresh knowledge of and a lively interest in the subjects taught, if he would secure attention and awaken interest and confidence. However familiar one may be with a general subject, there is need of fresh and daily preparation, to know just what is contained in each recitation, and just how to treat the lesson with this particular class, and to have a well-defined end to be reached in each recitation. No two classes are alike, and the instruction must be adapted to the one class of minds before the teacher. The remark of Dr. Arnold should be constantly before the mind of every teacher. "I wish my boys to drink from a running stream and not from a stagnant pool." In reply to the remark, "I should think you would tire of teaching school," another great teacher said, "I do not teach school, I teach boys." The habit of a prompt obedience to rightful authority is far-reaching as it lies at the foundation of social and civil order, and is a prime factor of character in the duties and obligations of honorable citizenship.

Other elements of character require the constant attention and thought of the teacher, as a sacred regard for truth which is the foundation of all virtues; respect for the rights of others; thoughtfulness, courtesy and kindness. To possess the moral element, conduct must be regulated by worthy motives—to do right because it is right. Fear of punishment may serve as a

restraint, and the hope of promised reward may serve a temporary purpose, but these are lower motives lacking in moral element. The end of school training is the power of self control and self direction, guided by high and worthy motives. The vital factor in the schools is the teacher.

Attention is called to the following reports from the Principal of the High school and the Supervisor of drawing.

Report of the High School.

MR. J. T. CLARKE, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Dear Sir: I have the honor of presenting to you a report of the High school for the year 1895-96.

There have been eighty-eight pupils connected with this department during the past year against eighty-one of the previous year. Of this number thirteen have attended from out of town, the largest number so attending in the school's history. The per cent. of attendance has increased from 96.65 to 97.40, while the per cent. of "times late" has dropped from 4.90 to 3.64. Of the three hundred twenty-one "times late" for the year, ninety are credited to three pupils. Pupils living four or five miles from school seemingly have no difficulty in attaining prompt and regular attendance, but the nearer we come to the school the higher the per cent. of absence and tardiness.

The graduating class numbered ten. Of this number one entered the Worcester Normal, two the Mass. Inst. of Technology, without conditions, and one Amherst on certificate of the school.

By arrangement with the faculty, pupils may now enter Dartmouth on certificate. The graduating class presented the school with an electric call bell, which is an hourly benefit to all.

I take this opportunity of publicly acknowledging the highly commendatory letters received from the faculty of the higher institutions concerning pupils recently entered from the school, in order that the friends of these faithful, students may know that their work has not only been appreciated here, but also in the higher institutions they have entered.

As our pupils, who have obtained the required standard, are now admitted at college on certificate, and when not so admitted are examined in sight-reading in Latin and Greek, I have thought it best to devote all the time given to these branches, with the exception of the first year work, to advance work; this plan gains for the pupil greater fluency in translation, while there is no neglect of the regular grammatical drill.

All examinations for the last half of the year are on sight reading.

I believe this is the right course, and I find pupils more apt at sight translation than I would have thought possible but a a short time ago.

I wish during the coming year to enlarge the course in Literature so that the entering class may have as a reader "The Masterpieces of American Literature," the sophomores "The Masterpieces of British Literature," while the juniors as heretofore will read the college requirements and the seniors study A. S. Hill's "Rhetoric."

These studies are required of every pupil and I believe this is as good a course in Literature as we can expect with our limited corps of teachers.

I believe some standard works should be purchased for this department as a nucleus for a school library.

Some twenty specimens have been added to the mineralogical cabinet from various sources.

Miss Goodrich, with the assistance of her class in Botany, added forty-five specimens to the herbarium.

Although the school began in September with new assistants, yet I believe the school work has moved along as pleas-

antly and there has been a more general devotion to study than in any year that I have been connected with the school.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. CORBIN.

Report of the Supervisor of Drawing.

In reporting the status of the drawing work, I would say that where the conditions are the same as last year, there is a steady progress in the quality of the work done. The aim of every true teacher is to cultivate habits which shall enable the pupil to become an intelligent and useful citizen—to teach the pupil how to learn. The aim of the drawing teacher is in no sense different. I have not found any ten talented pupils in my line-no one who will observe and draw anywhere, anyhow, and secure good results. Such are found only occasionally. I find, as usual, those who are doing the best work in all their studies are, almost invariably, doing the best work in drawing. A steady, careful application of principles taught and suggestions given brings the good results. I find the changing of teachers detrimental to my work, as, no doubt, it is to other work; also the fact that some of the desks are too small for the pupils.

The benefit from the "playing with colored paper" is sometimes overlooked. The little ones learn not only harmony of color, but accuracy, neatness, care and patience. Let an older person try the paper-folding, mat-weaving, cutting from patterns, arranging and fastening in place, and such a one will realize how much is taught by the pretty colored work. They learn wholes, halves, division, proportion, position, direction, etc., unconsciously, and, as they grow older, are required to

make their own patterns as well, which requires more mature carefulness.

I wish to most heartily thank the Board for the reading glasses so promptly furnished at my request. They have already proved a great blessing, and will be more used as the season advances. I wish pupils to observe the beautiful things about them, to make them a part of their lives. William Morris has said, "To put the idea of beauty into labor, the idea must be instilled into the laborer from childhood." We wish to study nature not for facts only, but for the life, growth and spirit—the Divine influence back of it all. That is Art Education and our aim.

Thanking you for your unvarying kindness, and, through you, all the teachers who are working so hard for the common good,

Yours cordially,

EVA BENHAM.

Near the close of the summer term another exhibit of school work was made. It comprised penmanship, free hand and mechanical drawing, illustrations of form study in paper, clay, sticks, models, mat-weaving, nature study and language work. The exhibit was visited by a large number from our own and neighboring towns, and was highly commended by all.

An unusual number of changes have taken place in our teaching force during the year; in most cases, caused by calls to more attractive positions. Mr. Arnold left the High school for a year's study in Germany; Miss Goodrich, for a more desirable position; Miss Oldham, who had done valuable service for six years, resigned in June to accept a position in a city school; Miss Curtis, Miss Riley and Miss Taylor for like reason.

Miss Annie F. Morse, who for many years had done valuable service in our primary schools and was a teacher of excellent spirit, died during the summer.

One of the disadvantages to which some of our schools are subjected is the frequent change [in teachers, especially when the change occurs during the school year. In and near the cities higher salaries are paid than we have been accustomed to pay here, and school authorities are constantly on the watch for the most desirable teachers. There is only one remedy for this interruption to the progress of our schools.

Another obstacle to most efficient work is the two large number of pupils in a room. With the relief afforded by the overflow school there are still five schools whose attendance has ranged from 50 to 67 pupils. This does not mean the number enrolled but the number in actual attendance during parts of the year. With so many pupils in a room the teacher labors under disadvantage even when a helper relieves of a part of the work. Individual attention is precluded.

In previous reports the pressing need of larger accommodations for the village schools has been urged. The demand grows more urgent, and ought not longer to be delayed. The next appropriation made by the town for any special purpose should be to meet this growing demand.

In closing this report I wish to express the feeling of renewed obligation to the teachers for the spirit of hearty coöperation and the faithful service that have characterized their
work; and to each member of the committee for the consideration and courtesy extended throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. CLARKE, Superintendent.

Graduating Class of 1895.

"SPECTEMUR AGENDO."

MAUD GERTRUDE GOODIER, IRMA KENDALL BATES, LESTER ALLAN NEWELL, MABEL CELULA PRATT, JENNIE EVA CONNER. FRANK OTIS REED, ELIZABETH JOSEPHINE KELLEY, HELEN GENEVIEVE HYDE, LIZZIE ESTELLE MORSE,

PROGRAMME OF GRADUATING EXERCISES.

Music-Overture,— 'A Night Off." - - - E. Boettger
Orchestra.

PRAYER—Rev. S. A. Burnaby.

SALUTATORY AND ESSAY—"Flowers as Emblems."

Maud Gertrude Goodier.

ORATION-"The Magic Wire."

Frank Otis Reed.

CHORUS—"The Song of Welcome." - - - The School.

Essay-"A Plea for Humor."

Irma Kendall Bates.

Essay-"Success the Reward of Merit."

Elizabeth Josephine Kellev.

Music—Medley Overture, "Around the Metropolis." - - - Beyer
Orchestra.

ORATION-"Our Public Schools."

Lester Allan Newell.

ESSAY-"Evolution of Women's Clubs."

Helen Genevieve Hyde.

Essay-"Festivals."

Mabel Celula Pratt.

Essay—"Words, How Formed and How Spoken."
Lizzie Estelle Morse.

CHORUS—"Thou Who Art Faithful."

The School.

ORATION—"The Earth, Its Past, Present and Future."

Frank Nelson Horton.

ESSAY AND VALEDICTORY-"Tomorrow."

Jennie Eva Conner.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS-By Chairman of School Committee.

MUSIC—Medley Overture, "Our Social Session." - - H. Prendiville Orchestra.

BENEDICTION.

Calendar 1896=7.

- Spring Term, 15 weeks, begins Monday, March 2; ends June 19, 1896. Vacation for High school one week, and for Lower schools two weeks, ending April 4.
- The Fall Term begins Tuesday, September 7; ends December 23, 15 1-2 weeks.
- Winter Term begins Monday, January 4, 1897; ends March 5.
- Spring Term, 1897, 15 weeks, begins Monday, March 8; ends June 25. Vacation one week, ending April 4.
- The First and Third Terms, the Common schools have one week less than the High school.

HOLIDAYS.

Every Saturday; Washington's Birthday; Patriot's Day; Memorial Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving and the day following.



Appendix.

Extracts from the Public Statutes.

FLAGS.

CHAP. 181. SECT. 1. It shall be the duty of School Committees in the several cities and towns of the Commonwealth to provide for each school house in which public schools are maintained within their respective cities and towns not otherwise supplied, a United States flag of silk or bunting, not less than four feet in length, and a suitable flagstaff or other apparatus whereby such flag may be displayed on the school house grounds or school house buildings every school day, when the weather will permit, and on the inside of the school house on other school-days.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of September, 1895. [Approved March 27, 1895.

LAWS OF 1894.

An act relating to school attendance and truancy.

SECTION 1. Every person having under his control, a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, and in every city and town where opportunity is furnished, in connection with the regular work of the public schools, for gratuitous instruction in the use of tools or in manual training, or for industrial education in any form, a child between the ages of eight and fifteen years, shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, and such attendance shall continue for at least thirty weeks

of the school year, if the schools are kept open for that length of time, with an allowance of two weeks' time for absences not excused by the superintendent of schools or the school committee. Such period of attendance shall begin within the first month of the fall term of school, and for each five days absence of any such child thereafter, in excess of the above allowance, before the completion of the required annual attendance of thirty weeks, the person having such child under his control shall, upon the complaint of the school committee or any truant officer, forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if such child has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or has already acquired the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable, such penalties shall not be incurred.

SECT. 3. The truant officers and the school committee of the several cities and towns shall vigilantly inquire into all cases of the neglect of the duty prescribed in section one, and ascertain the reasons, if any, therefor; and such truant officers, or any of them, shall, when so directed by the school commitee, prosecute, in the name of the city or town, any person liable to the penalty provided for in said section. Police, district and municipal courts, trial justices and judges of the probate court, shall have jurisdiction within their respective counties of the offences described in section one.

Concerning the employment of minors who cannot read and write in the English language.

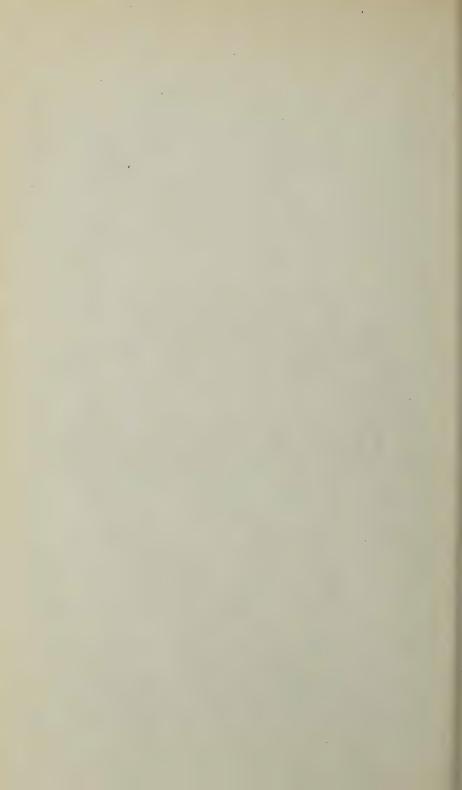
(Section 1 was repealed by chapter 348, acts of 1888.)

Section 2. Every person who employs, or permits to be employed, a minor fourteen years of age or over, who can not

read and write in the English language, and who resides in a city or town in this Commonwealth, wherein public evening schools are maintained, and is not a regular attendant of a day school, or has not attained an attendance of seventy per cent. or more of the yearly session of the evening school, shall, for every such offence, forfeit not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars for the use of the evening schools of such city or town.

CHAP. 47, Sect. 9. The school committee shall not allow a child who has not been duly vaccinated to be admitted or to be connected with the public schools.

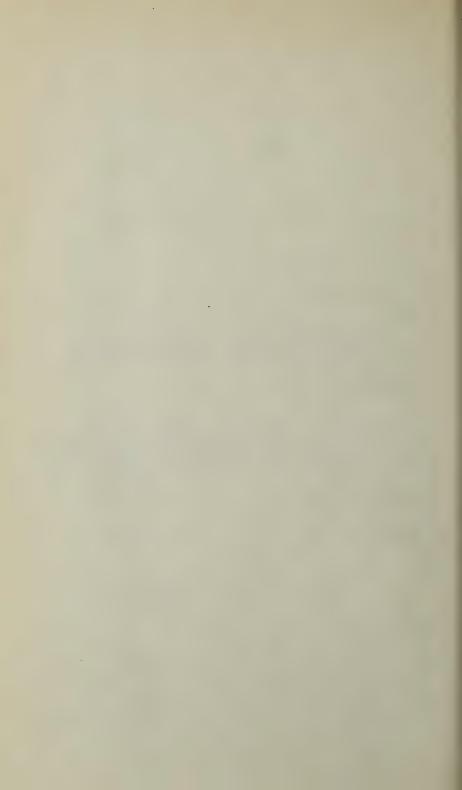
CHAP. 198, SECT. 10. The school committee shall not allow any pupil to attend the public schools while any member of the household to which such pupil belongs is sick with small-pox, diphtheria or scarlet fever, or during a period of two weeks after the death, recovery, or removal of such sick person; and any pupil coming from such household shall be required to present, to the teacher of the school the pupil desires to attend, a certificate, from the attending physician or board of health, of the facts necessary to entitle him to admission in accordance with the above regulation.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FIRE ENGINEERS.



FIRE ENGINEERS.

In compliance with the usual custom relative to the Fire Department, I submit my report for the year ending Feb. 29, 1896.

Accompanying this report is a correct record of the department with the amount of expenditures, also what recommendations we deem necessary for the best interest of the department and Town.

Manual Force.

The Manual Force: Board of Engineers, Chief, and four Assistants, two steamer companies of fifteen men each, two hook and ladder companies of ten men each, Superintendent of Fire Alarm, fifteen horses subject to the call of the department.

Roll Call of Fire Department.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

C. P. Phipps,		-	-		-	-			-	· · -	Chief.
B. C. Stone,	-	-		-		-	-	-	ŀ	irst	Assistant.
Geo. J. Lamour	reux,	-	-		-	-		-	Sec	ond	Assistant.
Patrick Flynn,	-		÷	-			-	672	Th	nird	Assistant.
C. F. Marble,	-	-	-		-	Fo	urt	h As	ssista	ant a	and Clerk.
A. Fyfe Hall,	-	-		_	S	upe	rint	ende	ent o	of F	ire Alarm.

Steamer and Hose Company No. 1.

M. L. Dillaber,		-		-		-			Foreman.
J. M. Marble,	-		-		-		-	Assistan	t Foreman.
H. S. Cheney,		-		-		-		Clerk and	Treasurer.
Geo. B. Works,	-		-		-		-	-	Engineer.
H. H. Clemence,		-		-		-		Assistant	Engineer.
Joseph Bebo,	-		-		-		-	-	Stoker.
Franklin Cady,		-		-		-			Steward.

HOSEMEN.

E. L. Gay,	R. E. Moore,	Geo. T. Armes,
L. E. Davis,	C. W. Mills,	E. D. Chamberlain,
H. M. Brockway,	Otto Carlson,	H. A. Dresser.
Substitutes, A,	M. Plimpton, Jacob	B. Edwards.

Steamer & Hose Company No. 2.

John E. Heffner.		-		-			Forema	an an	d Steward.
Robert Wardle,	-		-		-		Ass	sistant	t Foreman.
Charles W. Hall,		-		-		-	Clerk	and	Treasurer.
James A. Ryan,	-		-		-		-	-	Engineer.
Lawrence Flynn,		-		-		-	Ass	istant	Engineer.
John Splaine,	-		-		-		-	-	Stoker.

HOSEMEN.

Geo. Simpson,	Wm. Walters.	A. W. Paton,
H. Hardenber,	Luke Reilly,	Monroe Walters,
Geo. H. Thayer,	Stermius Herber,	Geo. Burroughs.
Substitutes, Jan	nes Ashworth, Joseph	Rivers.

Hook & Ladder No. 1.

A. M. Higgins,	-		-		-		- Foreman.
Thomas McGrath,		-		-	,	-	Assistant Foreman.
J. K. Egan, -	-		-		-		Clerk and Treasurer.
John Coggins.	Pet	er (Capl	ette	•		Louis Peloquin,
Ozias Patnaude,	Nel	son	Gar	nacl	ie,		Geo. H. Chaffin,
Louis N. Duquette.							

Substitutes, Edmond Hetu, Frank Favro.

Hook & Ladder No. 2.

John T. Hoben,
John Brennan,
John J. Hogan,
M. W. Kelley,
Wm. F. Kennedy,
Thomas Brennan,
Edward Splaine,
Patrick F. Fitzpatrick.

Foreman.

- Assistant Foreman.
Clerk and Treasurer.
Michael Breen,
Thomas Cuddihy,

Substitutes, P. F. Delehanty, P. F. Cuddihy.

Fires and Alarms.

There were seventeen alarms, with two general alarms: also two still alarms.

- March 16, 1895, 8.17 p. m. Box 32. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in dwelling owned by J. D. Blanchard. No damage. Cause, defective flue. Recall 8.22 p. m.
- April 30, 1895, 8.26 p. m. Box 42. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in dwelling owned by Felix Quevillon. No damage. Cause, kerosene can on stove. Recall 8.30 p. m.
- May 5, 1895, 10.47 a. m. Box 43. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in Southbridge Print Works. Damage, slight. No claim made. Cause, cloth catching fire in hot room. Recall 10.56 a. m.
- May 23, 1895, 11.49 a.m. Box 36. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in dwelling owned by Morton estate. Damage, \$30. Insurance, \$30. Cause, defective flue. Recall 12.11 p. m.
- July 4, 1895, 3.13 a. m. Box 24. No. 2 companies responded.
 Fire in outhouse owned by Hamilton Woolen Co. No damage. Cause, incendiary.
 Recall 3.19 a. m.

- July 13, 1895, 9.53 p. m. Box 34. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in telephone office. Damage, \$115. Insurance, \$115. Cause, crossed wires. Recall, 9.56 p. m.
- August 12, 1895, 10.25 a.m. Box 35. No. 1 companies responded. False alarm. Recall 10.33 a.m.
- Sept. 4, 1895, 3.40 p. m. Box 24. No. 2 companies responded. Fire in barn owned by Michael Connell. Damage, \$500. No insurance. Cause, unknown. Recall 4.40 p. m.
- Sept. 13, 1895. Afternoon. Companies did not respond, as there was no alarm. Fire in house and barn owned by Silas Morse. Total loss. Damage, \$10,000. Insurance, \$6,000. Cause, unknown.
- Oct. 12, 1895, 9.05 p. m. Box 43. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in Southbridge Print Works. Damage, \$835. Insurance, \$885. Cause, old clothes on steam pipes. Recall 9.50 p. m.
- Dec. 4, 1895, 9.50 p. m. Box 34. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in DeCelles Optical Co's building, owned by E. Putney. Damage, \$456.69. Insurance, \$456.69. Cause, unknown. Recall, 10.02 p. m.
- Dec. 8, 1895, 5.45 p. m. Box 26. No. 2 companies responded. Fire in barn owned by M. Sanders. No damage. Cause, unknown. Recall 5.56 p. m.
- Dec. 19, 1895, 5.31 a. m. Box 24. No. 2 companies responded. Fire in building owned by W. E. Alden estate. Damage, \$6,000. Insurance, \$5,000. General alarm at 6.10 a. m. No. 1 companies responded. Cause, unknown. Recall 9.00 a. m.
- Feb. 1, 1896, 7.54 p. m. Box 32. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in barn owned by H. A. Morse. Damage, \$25. Insurance, \$25. Cause, overheated stove. Recall 8.06 p. m.

- Feb. 13, 1896, 8.34 a. m. Box 24. No. 2 companies responded. Fire in dwelling owned by P. F. Delehanty. Damage, \$15. Insurance, \$15. Cause, unknown. Recall 8.52 a. m.
- Feb. 17, 1896, 6.12 a. m. Box 36. No. 1 companies responded. Chimney fire in dwelling owned by L. Morton estate. No damage. Recall 6.18 a. m.
- Feb. 28, 1896, 1.05 p. m. Box 34. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in building owned by L. H. Tiffany. Damage, \$700. Insurance, \$629. General alarm at 1.12 p. m. No. 2 companies responded. Cause, defective oven. Recall 1.50 p. m.

Appropriation and Expenditures.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1895, \$11 93
Appropriation at annual meeting, 2,700 00
\$2,711 93

EXPENDITURES.

OUTSTANDING BILLS MARCH 1, 1895.

P. Cuddihy, cartage,	\$1	00		
E. C. Ellis, salt,		35		
B. W. Paton, supplies,	2	60		
L. W. Curtis, supplies,	1	08		
Hartford S. B. I. & I. Co., insurance,	25	00		
Smith & Woodhall, repairs on whistle,	3	39		
-			\$33	42

BILLS CONTRACTED FROM MARCH 1, 1895, TO MAY 1, 1895.

J. J. Delehanty, chairs,	\$50	00
J. B. Prescott & Son, zincs,	14	00
M. Egan, labor,	7	60
Southbridge W. S. Co., water,	13.	50
D. Chamberlain, labor,	9	45

Frank Savory, labor,	\$4	95	
Robt. Wardle, labor,		61	
Hamilton Woolen Co., vitriol,	21		
L. Desrosiers, labor,		00	
A. Daniels, coal,		00	
J. J. Delehanty, supplies,		50	
C. S. Ayres, door mat,		50	
Southbridge Gas & Elec. Co.,	14		
L. D. Vinton, horses,		50	
II. D. Villon, noisos,			\$158 46
BILLS CONTRACTED SIN	CE M	IAY	1, 1895.
Wm. Booth, coal,	\$55	48	
O. Milligan, labor and material,	8	00	
Wm. H. Clarke, supplies,		28	
Geo. S. Stone Co., repairs and paint			
ing Steamer and Hose Carriage			
No. 1,		05	
C. P. Phipps, supplies,	14	02	
Boston Woven Hose & R. Co., hose,	218	51	
L. D. Vinton, team,		50	
Franklin Cady, supplies,	4	98	
W. C. Lewis, supplies,	3	45	
J. S. Gleason, supplies,	б	58	
Jos. Ouimette & Son, repairs,	1	30	
Southbridge Water Supply Co., to)		
April 1, 1896,		50	
Southbridge Gas & Elec. Co.,	102	80	
J. J. Bowlen, horses,	243	00	
W. & W. A. Seavey, horses,	117	00	
Hamilton Woolen Co., horses,	86	00	
N. S. Viall, horses,	67	35	
Hamilton Woolen Co., repairs or	ı		
whistle,	15	25	
Hamilton, Woolen Co., vitriol,	24	22	
Andrew F. Hall, labor and supplies	, 81	96	

D. Chamberlain, labor and lumber, \$24	25
Worcester Rubber Co., boots and	
coats, 57	60
Beattie Zinc Works, zincs, 4	80
Paige, Carpenter, Colburn Co., boots, 3	75
M. Egan, painting coats and boots, 6	00
Geo. L. Winter, supplies, 10	13
Robt. Wardle, labor, 15	12
Smith & Woodhall, labor, 12	60
C. M. Kimball, polish, 4	00
-	79
	00
Geo. H. Hartwell, supplies, 2	01
Hartford S. B. I. & I. Co., insurance, 25	00
Cole Bros., repairs on Steamer No. 2, 74	
Jas. H. Ryan, labor on Steamer No. 2, 5	
	50
	\$1,490 57
EXPENDITURES FOR NEW	
C. Stewart & Son, boilers, \$1,000	00
Hamilton Woolen Co., drawing	
steamers, 42	00
Use of old steamer for 8 months, 100	00
J. J. Bowlen, drawing old steamer	
9	00
L.E. Patterson, repairs on old steamer, 4	28
C. P. Phipps, expenses and mileage, 28	
American Optical Co., labor on old	
_	20
	64
N. S. Viall, boarding man,	50
	 \$1,200 60
Total expenditures,	
Account overdrawn March 1, 1896.	*171 12

Salaried Account.

RECEIPTS.

By appropriation,			\$1,910	00
EXPENDITUR	ES.			
Board of Engineers, Chief (\$100) fou	ır			
assistants,	\$25	00 each,	\$200	00
Two engineers for steamers,	100	00 each,	200	00
Two assistant engineers for steamers,	50	00 each,	100	00
Two stokers,	50	00 each,	100	00
Two stewards,	75	00 each,	150	00
Four foremen,	35	00 each,	140	00
Four assistant foremen,	30	00 each,	120	00
Thirty-six hose and ladder men,	25	00 each,	900	00

\$1,910 00

Inventory of Apparatus.

The apparatus in service remains the same as last year, with the exception that we have added (2) two mechanical gongs—one 10 inch in No. 1 house, and one 14 inch at No. 2 house; also added 600 feet of rubber lined hose, making a total of 2,950 feet of leather and 1,500 feet of rubber lined hose.

Electrician's Report.

Gentlemen:—In my report last year I recommended placing a Fire Alarm box at the corner of Everett and Park streets, and also one on the Flat. I would again recommend these boxes as the locality that would be covered by the boxes is now some distance from a box, and a fire in either section would get considerable headway before an alarm could be given from the nearest box.

Over 1250 blows have been given on the Fire Alarm during the year, for alarms of fire, daily and weekly tests, no school signals, etc., and in all cases, has given a prompt and correct response to all demands from box and signal key.

There have been 17 alarms of fire and 2 general alarms.

Several of the alarms have been needless as the fire was all out before the alarm was given, and in one case the department was called out and the citizens gathered from all directions because some one saw a red skirt fluttering in the wind near a building and sent in an alarm, thinking there was a fire.

Be sure in all cases that the services of the department are needed before giving an alarm, then "Pull hook down ONCE and let go." Do not touch the box again without orders.

The line has been broken or cut 5 times, but in each case promptly repaired.

Changes on the line are as follows: 1895.

- May 16. Changed the Chief's tapper from Lensdale to the gold stock room in the American Optical Co's works.
- June 10. Placed a 10 inch mechanical gong in No. 1 engine house.
- June 14. Placed a 14 inch mechanical gong outside No. 2 engine house.
- June 17. Placed tapper in Asst. Lamoureux's house.
- July 2. Connected Chief Phipps' house with sub line circuit.
- July 8. Placed tapper in Asst. Marble's house.
- July 13. All boxes were inspected and painted.
- Sept. 20. Removed main line tappers from Seavey's and Bowlen's barns, substituting bells from the sub circuit.

Received during the year 2 bbls. blue vitriol, 1-2 mile line wire, 62 zines.

Supplies on hand March 1, 1896, 34 coppers, 25 zincs, 50 lbs. copper chips, 25 lbs. old zincs and 2-3 coil line wire.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW F. HALL, Supt. Fire Alarm Telegraph.

Southbridge, Mass., March 1, 1896.

Water Supply.

We wish the people to bear in mind that there are two parts of the town which are almost wholly unprotected by a supply of water. One being Plimpton and Pleasant streets at Globe Village, and the other being Charlton road, which has increased greatly in valuation the last two years. Should a fire occur in either of the places, much valuable time would be lost in trying to get a supply of water.

We are most grateful for the two new hydrants placed this year; one in front of the late W. E. Alden's house on Main street, and one on South street opposite H. M. Fisk's house.

General Remarks.

The two steamers were under contract for new boilers, made by last year's board of engineers, which we have carried out, and both are in first class shape, with the exception that both will need new suctions, and the \$200 they will cost is included in the \$1,400 recommended to be appropriated for the coming year.

We recommend that the sum of \$800 be raised to procure two hand hose carriages, and hose for the same, which would greatly reduce the time of getting a stream on the fire, in the centre of each village. It may seem to the citizens of the town, in looking over our report, that the Fire Department has not been run as economically as it might have been the past year. We would say that two bills contracted for, call for a special appropriation. One for repairing Steamer 2, which, when returned from Worcester with new boiler, was still out of repair; her pumps, valves and pistons were in bad shape. We at once had them repaired by Cole Bros., which necessitated the expenditure of nearly \$100. Also, after looking over the department hose, the first of the year, we found that, owing to the amount of leather hose not fit for service, if a large fire should occur, our need of enough suitable hose would cause a serious loss of time. We at once procured 600 feet of rubber-lined hose at an expense of \$218.51.

We think that the addition of two new boxes to the fire alarm circuit would materially increase its efficiency, and recommend a box on the Flat and one at the corner of Everett and Park streets, and recommend an appropriation of \$125 for the same.

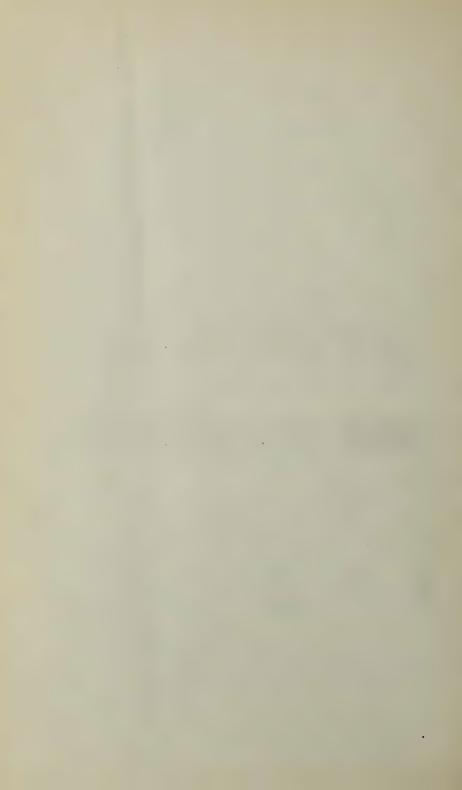
The Steamer and Hose No. 1 have been painted this year, and the coming year the supply wagon should be painted and the two trucks varnished, which would make all of the apparatus in first-class condition.

We would recommend that the appropriation to meet the running expenses be \$1,400, which includes \$200 for the suctions.

In conclusion we would thank the Board of Engineers for their support during the year, also the members of each company. We wish to commend the Electrician for his ready and efficient attentions to all demands made upon him during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

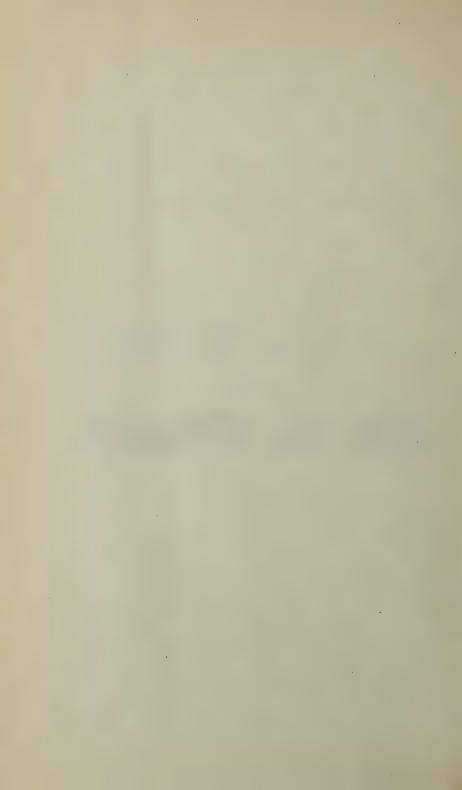
C. P. PHIPPS, Chief. C. F. MARBLE. Clerk.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS.



SINKING FUND.

The Sinking Fund Commissioners respectfully present their report as follows:

RECEIPTS.

\$50,362 91

Balance March 1, 1895.

Dalance Haren 1, 1000,	\$00,002	O.I.
Interest,	2,109	10
Sewer Assessments,	2,342	72
Appropriation annual meeting,	2,500	00
Corporation tax,	748	28
Interest received from City Institution for	OI'	
Savings, Lowell,	40	00
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INVESTMENTS.		
Amherst Savings Bank,	\$1,342	06
Abington Savings Bank,	986	43
Andover Savings Bank,	1,230	80
Athol Savings Bank,	1,218	94
Arlington Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,171	62
Barre Savings Bank,	1,194	76
Bristol County Savings Bank, Taunton,	1,115	08
Brockton Savings Bank,	451	39
Berkshire County Savings Bank, Pittsfield	d, 1,218	94
Cape Ann Savings Bank, Gloucester,	1,255	09
City Institution for Savings, Lowell,	1,000	00
Chicopee Savings Bank.	1.171	62

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Cambridgeport Savings Bank,	\$1,126 14
Central Savings Bank, Lowell,	1,115 08
Citizens Savings Bank, Fall River,	1,245 90
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank,	
Boston,	1,230 76
Dedham Institution for Savings,	1,206 98
Easthampton Savings Bank,	1,191 81
Franklin Savings Institution, Greenfield,	1,040 40
Fitchburg Savings Bank,	1,171 62
Fall River Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,188 86
Gardner Savings Bank,	1,216 82
Haverhill Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,171 50
Hampshire Savings Bank, Northampton,	1,115 08
Holyoke Savings Bank,	1,268 16
Leominster Savings Bank,	1,020 00
Lynn Institution for Savings,	1,237 79
Marlboro Savings Bank,	870 62
Monson Savings Bank,	1,206 98
Millbury Savings Bank,	1,268 16
Milford Savings Bank,	1,255 72
New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,212 86
New Bedford Institution for Savings,	1,215 84
Newburyport Institution for Savings,	1,212 87
Natick Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,206 98
Northampton Institution for Savings,	1,255 72
Palmer Savings Bank,	1,131 67
Peoples Savings Bank, Worcester,	1,193 22
Provident Institution for Savings, Ames-	
bury,	1,212 87
Springfield Institution for Savings,	1,268 16
Springfield Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,020 00
South Adams Savings Bank, Adams,	1,224 88
Southbridge Savings Bank,	1,346 64
Spencer Savings Bank,	757 50
Ware Savings Bank,	1,361 95

Worcester County Institution	for Savings, \$1,32	2 42
Worcester Five Cents Savings	Bank, 1,31	6 10
Worcester Mechanics' Savings	Bank, 1,31	3 16
Westboro Savings Bank,	99	7 70
Webster Savings Bank,	1,02	4 36

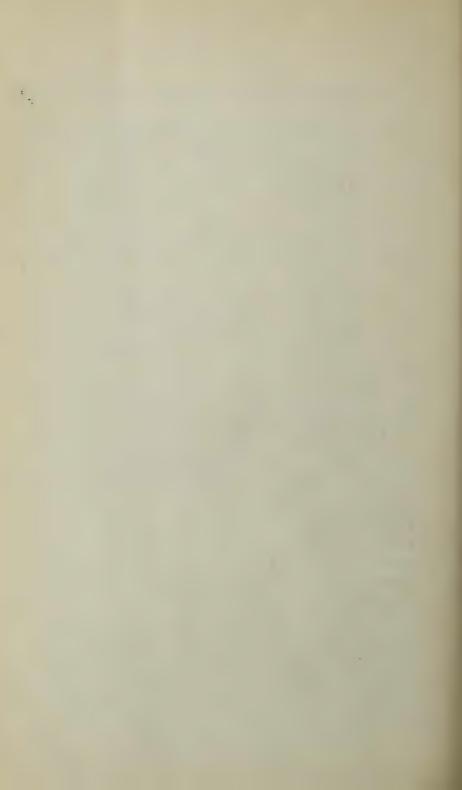
The balance of Sewer Assessments and Corporation Tax for 1896 is ample to meet obligations, and no appropriation is necessary.

I. P. HYDE,GEO. L. CLEMENCE,C. F. HILL,Sinking Fund Commissioners.

As ordered by a vote of the town, the Auditors have examined the several bank books in which the Sinking Fund is invested, and find the above report correct.

WM. A. BOYD, WM. T. ROBINSON, JOHN A. WHITTAKER.

Auditors.



BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health respectfully submit the following report:

No case of contagious disease during the year has been reported. There have been a few cases of typhoid fever, some of these cases originating outside the town.

Where violations of the Rules of the Board of Health have occurred, the persons responsible for their correction have responded promptly and cheerfully to the proper notification.

Our water supply, like that from all new reservoirs, during the summer months became offensive and unfit for use. Care and time will correct this, and we have little apprehension that the like trouble will recur.

W. G. REED.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Gastritis,	3	Cancer,	7
Paralysis,	7	Acute Cystitis,	1
Pneumonia.	11	Chronic Cystitis,	2
Peritonitis.	5	Croup,	2
Anaemia,	3	Acute Rheumatism.	-)
Puerpural fever,	1	Asthma,	3
Consumption,	23	Melancholia.	*
Old age.	16	Appendicitis,	
Bright's disease,	8	Halmoptysis,	*
Heart disease,	8	Apoplexy,	4
Accidental,	3	Influenza,	*
Asthema,	6	Rubiola.	1

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Convulsions,	4	Dropsy,	1
Atrophy of Liver.	2	Still born,	3
Bronchitis,	9	Senile dementia,	9
Cholera Infantum,	19	Atesia of Rectum.	1
Urameia,	. 1	Fracture of rib,	1
Marasmas,	6	Typhoid fever,	1
Angena pectoris,	1	Softening of brain,	1
	DEATH RATE E	BY MONTHS.	
January,	12	July,	9
February,	15	August,	21
March,	16	September,	19
April,	15	October,	18
May,	14	November,	11
June.	18	December,	15
	DEATH RATE	BY AGE.	
Under 5 years.	60 ·	40 to 50,	12
5 to 10,	7	50 to 60,	16
10 to 20,	8	60 to 70,	16
20 to 30,	16	70 to 80,	17
30 to 40,	11	80 to 90,	20
		Over 90,	1

REPORT OF

PLUMBING INSPECTORS.

The Plumbing Inspectors respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Sept. 1, 1895. The Plumbing Inspectors have examined and approved the following work as complying with Chap. 445 of the acts of 1894:

New water-closets put in,	10	
Old water-closets repaired in a sanitary manner,	1	
New bath-tubs put in,	3	
Old bath-tubs trapped and ventilated,	3	
New wash-bowls put in,	2	
Old wash-bowls trapped and ventilated.	4	
New sinks put in,	-6	
Old sinks trapped and ventilated,	12	
New wash trays put in,	2	
Old wash trays trapped and ventilated,	1	
Rain-water leaders connected with sewer,	2 8	set
Connections with sewers examined,	3	
Water-closet vaults examined,	1	
Violations of plumbing rules reported to Board of Health	1, 3	
Applications for plumbing licenses received and examined	1, 3	
Licenses refused for failure to pass required examination,	3	
Number of plumbing jobs examined and approved,	25	

The Plumbing Inspectors wish to thank the people where they have called to inspect plumbing work for the kind manner

in which they were received, and the full opportunity afforded them in their work of inspection, and were pleased with the willingness of the owners of buildings to comply with the plumbing rules of the Board of Health, making our work both pleasant and agreeable.

The Plumbing Inspectors will, at any time, give any information in regard to the rules and regulations for plumbing.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. SMITH,
M. E. KELLY,
Plumbing Inspectors.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Vital Statistics.

The number of marriages, births and deaths in the town of Southbridge for the year ending Dec. 31, 1895, were as follows: Number of Marriages—

Americans,		23	
French,		46	
Irish,		12	
Scotch,		1	
English,		1	
Swede,		1	
Nova Scotia	a.	1	
			85
Number of Deaths	S		
Americans,		. 50	
French,		100	
Irish,		20	
German,		2	
Swede,		1	
English,		5	
Scotch,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	4	
Colored,		1	
			183
Number of births-			
Americans,		41	
French,		191	
Irish,		22	
German,		1	
Poland,		2	

English,	4	
Scotch,	3	
Swede,	2	
Russian,	1	
Number of Dogs Licensed—		267
Males,	290	
Females,	18	
		308

Insurance on Town Property.

Town Hall and contents,	\$60,000	00
Alms-house, barn and contents,	10,300	00
Books, paintings and furniture in librar	y, 10,200	00
Public Library building,	2,500	
Boilers,	5,000	00
New Engine House and contents, Gl	lobe	
Village,	7,500	00
Old Engine House, Globe Village,	1,000	00
Storage barn and contents Goddard's con	urt, 1,900	00
School Houses and contents		
School street,	4,700	00
River street.	1,700	00
Union street,	2,000	00
Main street,	7,000	00.
Main street, near Morris.	1,500	00
Sandersdale,	2,000	00
Elm street,	1,600	00
Hooker district.	600	00
Sumner district,	600	00
Bacon district.	600	00
	-	_\$120,700 00

EDGAR M. PHILLIPS, Town Clerk.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

Albee, Harry W.	*2	00	Boucher, Celiste	\$2	00
Allard, David	2	00	Boucher, Pierre	2	00
Allard, David, Jr.	2	00	Boucher, Joseph	2	00
Allard, Pingue	$\overline{2}$	00	Bouthillette, Joseph	2	00
Allard, Vietor	2	00	Bourque, Charles	2	00
Anderson, Charles	2	00	Boyd, Peter	2	00
Andersen, Frank	2	00	Bracewell, W. C.	2	00
Archer, Geo. A.	2	00	*Brennan, John	2	00
Arpin, Napoleon	2	00	Brennan, Patrick	2	00
Ashworth, James	2	00	Brogan, Michael	2	00
Asselin, Arsene	2	00	Brodeur, Adelord	2	00
			Brousso, H. L.	2	00
Bachand, Michel	•)	98	Brousso, Adon	2	00
Bibeau, Charles	3	47	Brousso, Flavien	2	00
Bachand, Louis, 2d	2	00	Brown, Edgar A.	2	00
Barrie, Joseph, Jr.	2	00	Buchan, John	2	00
Barrie, Albert	2	00	Buchan, William	2	00
Belanger, Mederic	2	00	Buckley, Charles A.	2	00
Beauchemin, Ernest	•)	00	Buckley, John	2	00
Belanger, Joseph N.	<u>•</u>	00	Bullock, W. W.	2	00
Benoit, Marcel	2	00	Burns, Thomas	2	00
Benoit, Joseph	2	00	Butterworth, Hartley	2	00
Bertrand, Hyacinthe	2	00	Burrell, Moses A.	2	00
Bibeau, Charles, Jr.	2	00	Butler, James	2	00
Blaine, James F. Jr.	2	00	Brouillard, Joseph	2	00
Blaine, Jules	2	00			
Blais, Eugene	2	00	Cabana, Joseph	2	00
Blute, Wm. H.	2	00	Campbell, Albert	2	00
Bouchard, Joseph	2	00	Carey, Edward A.	2	00

Casey, Thomas E.	\$2 00	Demerce, Joseph	\$2 00
Caron, Philip	2 00	Demerce, Elie	2 00
Caron, Philias	2 00	Demerce, Napoleon	2 00
Caron, Camille	2 00	Demerce, Stanislaus	2 00
Caron, Ulrie	2 00	Demerce, Joseph	2 00
Chamberlain, Frank	2 00	Deslauriers, Antoine	2 00
Champaign, Pierre	2 00	Desaurdic, Pierre	2 00
Clarke, John C.	2 00	Desaurdic, Adolph	2 00
Clarke, Charles M.	2 00	Desrosiers, Antoine	2 00
Clarke, Harrison C.	2 00	Desrosiers, Zenon	2 00
Cloutier, David	2 00	Desrosiers, Joseph	2 00
Cole, Alexander	2 00	Desrosiers, Onezine	2 00
Cox, James A.	2 00	Dionne, Joseph	2 00
Collette, Camille	2 00	Dodd, Martin	2 00
Collins, Bernard	2 00	Dodge, Joseph L.	2 00
Collins, Richard	2 00	Dodge, Frank G.	2 00
Comerfort, M. J.	2 00	Douty, E. M.	2 00
Comstock, Hiram	2 00	Ducharme, Maxim	2 00
Congdon, Patrick	2 00	Ducharme, Arthur	2 00
Cooper, Wm.	2 00	Ducharme, Joseph	2 00
Creedon, John R.	2 00	Duclos, Henry	2 00
*Cuddihy, John F.	2 00	Duclos, Victor	2 00
*Cuddihy, Thomas	2 00	Dufaut, Pierre	2 00
Cuddihy, Dennis F.	2 00	Dufaut, Philias	2 00
Crawford, George	2 00	Dufaut, Felix	2 00
Currin, James	2 00	Dumas, Joseph	2 00
		Dumas, Joseph, Jr.	2 00
Daignault, Napoleon	2 00	Dumas, D. W.	2 00
Daignault, Earl	2 00	Dumas, Joseph E.	2 00
Davis, Arthur	2 00	Dupuis, G. Wilfred	2 00
Davis, Elmer E.	2 00	Dupuis, Frederick	2 00
Degrenier, Joseph, Jr.	2 00	Dupuis, Osa	2 00
Degrenier, Napoleon	2 00	Dupuis, Zephime	2 00
Dagenais, Philip	2 00	Dupuis, Abram	2 00
Daniels. Ozias	2 00	Duquette, Joseph	2 00

Duquette, George	82	00	Gregoire, Adelord	\$2	00
Durant, Philip	2	00	Guellette, Michel	2	00
Duval, Napoleon	2	00	Guellette, Emie	2	00
Egan, George	.)	00	**		
Ethier, Noe		00	Hamilton, Cyrus		00
Evon, Douglas		00	Halpin, John, Jr.		00
Lyon, Douglas	-	0.0	Hancock, George, Jr.		00
Fairbanks, H. P.	2	00	Hay, Edward E.		00
Phaneuf, Paul	2	00	Hayes, John		00
Farrell, J. B.	.)	00	Heredeen, John		00
Fitzpatrick, Thomas	2	00	Hetu, Edward L.		00
The state of the s			Hickey, Patrick	-2	00
Gagnon, Pierre		00	*Higgins, A. M.	-2	00
Gagnon, Leon	•)	00	*Hogan, John J.	• 2	00
Garceau, Charles	2	00	Hogan, John	2	00
Gaucher, Herman	2	00	*Hoben, John T.	2	00
Gaudette. Hercules	•)	00	Holmes, Albert N.	•2	00
Gaudrault, Dieudonne	2	00	Holden, Thomas	2	00
Gaumond, Abram	-2	00	Holden, James	•)	00
Gaumond, Raymond	2	00	Holden, John	•)	00
Gaumond, Joseph	2	00	Horton, Edward	.)	00
Gaumond, Victor	2	00	Howard, Michael	2	00
Gelineau, Arthur	2	00	Jackson, Albert L.	2	00
Giard, Frank	2	00	Jaggers, James		00
Girard, Joseph, 2d	2	00	Jackson, Frank H.		00
Girard, Narcisse	•)	00	Jalbert, Dieudonne, Jr.		00
Girard, Anatole,	2	00	Jansen, John		00
Giroux, J. B.		00		_	
Giroux, Napoleon	•)	00	Kane, Hugh	.)	00
Goldberg, Abe		00	Kavanaugh, Martin		00
Grant, James D.		00	Keating, Stephen		00
Grant, Michael		00	Keating, Walter		00
Grant, Edward		00	Keating, John		00
Grenier, Alex.		00	Keating, W. F.		00
Greenwood, Henry		00	Keenan, Owen		00
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Kelley, James H.	\$2	00	Laplante, Ulric	\$2 00
*Kennedy, W. F.	2	00	Laprade, Joseph, Jr.	2 00
Kennedy, Michael	2	00	Laplante, Frederick	2 00
Kennedy, Patrick H.	2	00	Lareau, Edward	2 00
Kennedy, James	2	00	Laroche, Julian, Jr.	2 00
Kenney, John, Jr.,	•)	00	Laroche, Alfred	2 00
King, Thomas	2	09	Laroche, Dolphice	2 00
Kraatz, Frank	2	00	Larochelle, Pierre	2 00
			Larochelle, Pierre, 2d	2 00
Lacasse, Fred	2	00	Larochelle, Moise	2 00
Lachapelle, Joseph E.	• 2	00	Larochelle, Noe	2 00
Lafleche, Joseph	2	00	Lariviere, Alexis	2 00
Lafleche, Francis	2	00	Lariviere, Joseph L.	2 00
Lafleche, Paul	2	00	Lariviere, Edward A.	2 00
Lafleche, Joseph, 2d	2	00	Lariviere, Solomon	2 00
Lafontaine, Edward	2	00	Lariviere, Napoleon	2 00
Lafrenier, Dolphice	2	00	Lariviere, Gilbert	2 00
Laliberte, Joseph	2	00	Lataille, Cyril, Jr.	2 00
Laliberte, Victor	2	()()	Lataille, Joseph C.	2 00
Lamontagne, Pierre	2	00	Lavallee, Cyril	2 00
Lamothe, Henry	2	00	Lavallee, Louis	2 00
Lamothe, Joseph	2	00	Lavallee, Adolph	2 00
Lamothe, Dennis	2	00	Lavallee, Francis	2 00
Lamothe, Louis	2	00	Lavallee, Louis	2 00
Lamothe, Olivier	2	00	Laverdiere,	
Lamothe, Felix, Jr.	2	00	(Charlton road.)	2 00
Lamothe, J. B.	->	00	Lavigne, Onezine	2 00
Lamothe, Paul	•)	00	Lavigne, Wilfred	2 00
Lamoureux, Edmond	•)	00	Lavoie, Emeliere	2 00
Langlois, Edward, Jr.	•)	00	Lavoie, Hormidas	2 00
Langevin, Paul	.)	()()	Langlin, John	2 00
Langevin, Joseph P.	-)	00	Lee, Richard	2 00
Langevin, William	2	00	Lee, William	2 00
Lantagne, Cyrille	•)	00	Lablanc, Narcisse	2 00
Lapierre, Napoleon	2	00	Lablanc, Narcisse, 2d	2 00

Lablanc, Isidore	*2	00	Martel, Roderick	12	00
Leduc, Jeffre	2	00	Martin, Joseph	2	00
Leduc, Telesphone	2	00	Martin, Arthin	2	00
Lee, Cyrus	2	00	Martin, Theodore	2	00
Lepain, Pierre	2	00	Matte, Damace	2	00
Lescarbeau, Louis	2	00	Matte, Eugene	2	00
Lescarbeau, Felix	2	00	May, Peter	2	00
Leavoix, Lewis	2	00	McEnroe, Patrick	2	00
Leavoix, Joseph	2	00	McEnroe, Joseph	2	00
L'Heureux, Alexis	2	00	McGrath, James	2	00
Lindon, Michael	2	00	McGrath, Dennis	2	00
Lilley, Isaac	2	00	McGuirk, Richard	2	00
Lizott, Victor	2	00	McGuirk, Edward	2	00
Lizott, Edward	2	00	McKinstry, Adam P.	2	00
Lizott, Joseph	2	00	Metras, Joseph	2	00
Loiseau. Amable	2	00	Metevier, (Pine street,)	2	00
Loiseau, Joseph	2	00	Miller, Cornelius	2	00
Lorange, Louis	2	00	Monahan, Michael	2	00
Lorange, J. B.	•)	00	Monahan, Michael C.	2	00
Lorange, J. B. Jr.	•)	00	Montigny, Charles	2	00
Lusignan, Adolph	2	00	Montminy, Alex.	2	00
Lucia, Henry	2	00	Montigny, Joseph	2	00
Lucia, Charles J.	2	00 .	*Moore, R. E.	2	00
Lucia, William	2	00	Moore, Octave	2	00
Lucia, Thomas	2	00	Morin, Amedes	2	00
Lucia, Alfred A.	2	00	Morrissey, Richard	2	00
Lumizette, Arthur	2	00	Morrissey, L. T.	2	00
Lynch. Edward	2	00			
			Nadeau, J. B.	2	00
Maclean, Alexander	2	00	Nichols, Myron D.	2	00
Magwire, Gèo. F.		00	Nichols, Merton B.	2	00
Mandeville, Norbert	2	00			
Marchessault, Moise	2	00	O'Brien, Michael	.)	00
Marchessault, William	2	00	O'Brien, Martin		00
Martel, Jean B.	2	00	O'Keefe, James	2	00

O'Keefe, John	<u>\$2</u>	00	Potvin, Paul	82	00
O'Keefe, Patrick	2	00	Potvin, Frank	2	00
Oulds, Ernest A.	2	00	Potvin, Alfred	2	00
O'Halloran, James	2	00	Potvin, Narcisse	2	00
Ostrander, Eldreth	•)	00	Powers, Joseph	2	00
			Proulx, J. B.	2	00
Pager, Joseph	• 2	00	Proulx, Bazil J.	2	00
Pager, William		00	Proulx, Bazil	2	00
Parent, Aimee			Proulx. Edward	2	00
*Patnaude, Osias	2	00	Proulx, Adolph	2	00
Patnaude, David		00	Proulx. Pierre	2	00
Paquin, Joseph	• 2	00			
Paul, Olivier	2	00	Remington, Ezra	2	00
Peck, Napoleon	.)	00	Renaud, Israel		00
Peloquin, Joseph, Jr.	.)	00	Renaud. Francois H.	. 2	00
Peloquin, Narcisse	-2	00	Renaud. Frank B.		00
Peloquin. Theotine	2	00	Renaud. Hormidas		00
*Peloquin, Louis, 2d	2	00	Renaud, Adolph		00
Peloquin. Pierre	-)	00	Richard, Stephen E.		00
Peloquin, Edward	-2	00	Richard, Joseph		0.0
Peloquin, Noel	• 2	00	Riopelle. Zephrim		00
Peloquin, Noel, Jr.	2	00	Riopelle, James		00
Perron, Pierre	2	00	Robert, Souverain		00
Pendergast, Patrick	-)	00	Robert, Xavier		00
Perron, Michel	•)	00	Robidou, Henry		00
Pfeiffer, Joseph	-)	00	Robidou, Cyrille		00
Pinsonnault, J. B.	2	00	Robillard, Arsene	2	00
Pinsonnault, Bernale	•)	00			
Pinsonnault, John	2	00	Searles. Herbert		00
Plante, Ovil	2	00	Senecal, Narcisse		00
Plante. Pierre	.)	00	Shaw, T. M.		00
Plante, Stanislaus	•)	Ú0	Shea, Michael		00
Pollard, John	2	00	Sheehan, Daniel		00
Pontbriand, Dolphier	_	00	Shields, Martin		00
Pontbriand, Alex.	-)	00	Simpson, William	2	00

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Simmons, S. O.	2	00	Toben, John	2	00
Simpson, John		00	Tomkin, Harry	-2	
Simpson, Joseph, 2d.		00	Tremblay, Jules	•2	00
Simpson, Napoleon		00	Tremblay, Julian	2	00
Simpson, Adelord		00	Tremblay, Joseph	•)	00
Smith, Joseph M.	2	00	Tremblay, Edouard	•)	00
Smith, Henry	.2	00	Tremblay, J. B.	•)	00
Smith, Everett D.		00	Tremblay, Philias	•)	00
*Splain, Edward	2	00	Tremblay, Narcisse	2	00
St. Laurent, Narcisse		00	Trohan, Jacques	•)	00
St. Laurent, George	2	00	, ,		
St. Marie. Solomon	2	00	Vandale, Alex.	•)	00
St. Martin, Honore, Jr.		00	Vandale, Narcisse	2	00
Stingue, Arsene	•)	00	Vandale, Frank	• 2	00
St. Önge, Vitalien	2	00	Varin, Joseph	2	00
St. Onge, Gelas	2	00			
Stott, Joseph R.	2	00 00 00	Waldron, Irving		00
Surprenant, Pierre	•)	00	Walsh, Patrick	2	00
Surprenant, F. X.	•)	00	Walsh, John	2	00
			Walsh, Michael	2	00
Tallis, Patrick		00	Wills, Charles	2	00 00 00 00
Templeman, Samuel		00	Whalen, Paul J.	2	00
Theriault, George		00	Whalen, Thomas	2	00
Theriault, Cleophase		00	Whalen, James	-2	00
Thericeaultgue, Joseph		00	Wilson, Humphrey	2	00 00 00 00 00
Theriault, Noe		00	Wood, Geo. C.	-2	00
Thomas, Clinton		00	Woodward, E. M.	-2	00
Thibsau, George	5	00	Wright, Charles	•)	00
Thibsau, Alberic		00	Wright, Daniel	•)	00
Thimblin, Michael	2	00	Young, William		00
Tisdell, Denio		00	Young, Thomas	•)	00
Toben, Patrick	2	00			
ADDITIO	NA	L P	OLL TAX-PAYERS.		
Barrollette, Edward	2	00	Lamothe, Narcisse	-)	00
*Brockway, Harry W.		00	Lamothe, Joseph	2	00
Champagne, Joseph	•)	00	Urall, Michael	• 2	00
Droyer, Edward	2	00	Grant, William		00
Fogal, Seage	2	00	Grant, Thomas	.)	00
Gaudraulte, Joseph	.)	00	Coffin, W. G.	.)	00
Heenan, James	2	()()	Tremble, Treffle	-)	()()
Goubert, Joseph	2	00			
*Finance mb., bas abia			4 41		

^{*}Fireman, who has claim against the town.

LIST OF JURORS.

List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen to be submitted for revision and acceptance at the annual Town Meeting to be held April 6, 1896.

Angell, I. O.
Ammidown, L. E.
Blaine, James F.
Booth, William
Boardman, Romaine
Cady, William C.
Chamberlain, Elmer D.
Chamberlain, Dwight
Chace, E. E.
Clemence, J. E.
Collins, Michael

Collins, Michael Caron, Anatole J.

Chaffin, Frank W. Chamberlain, Sylvanus

Clemence, L. D. Cronin, Thomas

Caffrey, Henry M.

Chambarlain Andrew P.

Chamberlain, Andrew M.

Chandler, Fred D.

Clemence, Herbert H.

Daniels, Augustus Darling, Eugene L.

Davis, Salem W.

Dennis, Paul

Dexter, Edwin

Dillaber, Marcus L.

Douty, Edward F.

Dresser, Geo. A.

Duquette, Louis N.

Dresser, Geo. L.

Davis, Linus F.

Dalton, Patrick M.

Durfee, H. D.

Dakin, E. F.

DeCelles, Ernest

Dinan, Henry

Eccleston, Wm. H.

Egan, James K.

Freeman, Henry J.

Flood, Matthew

Farland, Antoine

Farquhar, John

Flynn, Lawrence

Gough, Robert F.

Gagnon, Joseph

Garfield, Wm. E.

Gaudette, Andrew H.

Gay, Ernest L.

Gelineau, Joseph

Harwood, Elmer E.

Hall, Charles W.

Herber, Stermius

Hardenber, Wm. E.

Hughes, Thomas Herber, John J. Harrington, John Hancock, Daniel Hyde, Charles Hefner, John E. Herron, R. F. Holmes, Fred L. Hyde, A. L. Johnson, A. J. Jackson, N. N. Kennedy, Wm. F. Lamoureux, G. E. J. Lusignan, Adolphe Lamoureux, Wilfred Lareau, Joseph N. Lawson, Roger C. LeClair, Paul N. Lyon, Otis F. Morrissey, James Merritt, T. C. Mason, J. H. McGrath, Thomas Morris, Andrew J. Morse, Silas B. McGilpin, John C.

McKinstry, Jude T. Mason, Harry S. Newell, Norval Northup, Wm. E. Newell, Harvey V. Olds, Alonzo W. O'Halloran, Wm. Prue, Jos. E. Pelton, Albert L. Plimpton, Manning Plimpton, Lorenzo Richard, Stephen Ryan, John Roberts, Chas. E. Robinson, Jesse W. Ryan, Thomas H. Shumway, Clarence P. Sibley, Lyman E. Seavey, Wm. A. Tully, Michael J. Thompson, Azel Tetrault, Francis X. Williams, Chas. W. Whittaker, Henry Vinton, Francis M. Varner, Hugh

Warrant for Town Meeting.

APRIL 6, 1896.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Southbridge, in the County of Worcester. GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge, aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Southbridge, on Monday, the sixth day of April, 1896, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

- ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, viz: Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Board of Health, Assessors, School Committee, Auditors of Accounts, Cemetery Committee, Library Committee, a Sinking Fund Commissioner and Constables.
- ART. 3. To vote by ballot "Yes or No" in answer to the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town."
- ART. 4. To hear the reports of the Auditors of Accounts, Treasurer, Clerk, Selectmen, Library Committee, and act thereon.
- ART. 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and charges, the ensuing year, or act thereon.
- ART. 6. To see if the Town will allow a discount on taxes, paid within a certain period, or act thereon.

- ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of taxes, as will be found necessary to meet the current expenses of the year, or act thereon.
- ART. 8. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as posted and presented by the Selectmen, or act thereon.
- ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to pay the engine men for the ensuing year, or act thereon.
- ART. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the observance of Memorial Day, or act thereon.
- ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to pay an Electrician for the ensuing year, or act thereon.
- ART. 12. To see if the town will fix the compensation of town officers, laborers and teams for the ensuing year, or act thereon.
- ART. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the support of the militia, or act thereon.
- ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 (two hundred and fifty dollars) for Police Duty, or act thereon.
- ART. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to pay the Water Supply Co. for use of hydrants and drinking fountain for the ensuing year, or act thereon.
- ART. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for Street Lights, or act thereon.
- ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire Alarm Box at the corner of Hamilton and Hook streets, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to build a concrete sidewalk, stone curbing, on the easterly side of Elm street, beginning on the south side of Spring street, and going to the north-west corner of land of M. Egan, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

- ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800) to buy 2 Hand Hose Carriages and hose for same, or act thereon.
- ART. 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars (\$125) to establish two Fire Alarm Boxes located as follows: One on corner of North and Crystal streets, one on corner of Park and Everett streets, or act thereon.
- ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to establish three large incandescent electric lights located as follows: One on Chapin street, midway between Main and Dresser streets; one on Hamilton street between Hook and Edwards streets; one on corner of Morris and Lower Main streets, or act thereon.
- ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to accept Oliver street and extension. Also Cross street extension, or act thereon.
- ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to accept the two bridges over the canal and raceway on the highway in front of the Southbridge Printing Co., or act thereon.
- ART. 24. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to transfer to unappropriated funds, \$8.20 from repairing culvert, and \$19.68 from banquet room in town hall, or act thereon.
- ART. 25 To see if the town will vote to avail themselves of the provisions of Chapter 455, of the acts of 1894, relative to the licensing of plumbers and the supervision of the business of plumbing, or act thereon.
- ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to construct a gravel sidewalk on the south side of what is known as Toboggan Hill, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof twice in the Southbridge Journal, Herald and Press, the first publication being not less than nine days next preceding the day of the meeting,—or by posting

up such attested copies in four conspicuous public places within the Town, at least nine days, including Sundays,—before the day of holding said meeting. The polls will be open at 9 o'clock A. M., and close at 3 o'clock P. M.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place hereinbefore named.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of March, A. D. 1896.

THOMAS SANDERS,
J. M. OLNEY,
O. B. E. CHIPMAN,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

A true copy. Attest:

JULIUS S. DRESSER, Constable of Southbridge.

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Corrections.

Page 57. V. W. Lamoureux's bill of \$95.30 is charged by mistake to work for Overseers of the Poor." It should be charged to Assessors' alaries.

Page 56. In Overseers of the Poor salary account, read Wm. C. Callahan in place of Henry A. Morse.

Page 50. Insurance account should read, "Balance to credit," not 'Account overdrawn."

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AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

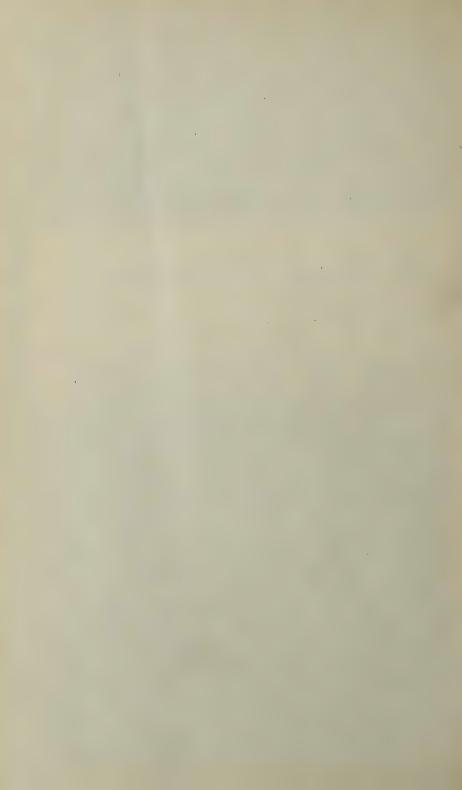
OF THE

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1897.

SOUTHBRIDGE:
HERALD STEAM BOOK PRINT.
1897.



TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1896=7.

TREASURER. JOHN A. HALL.

CLERK.

EDGAR M. PHILLIPS

	EDGAR M. IIIIMII S.	
	SELECTMEN.	
THOMAS SANDERS,	JOSEPH M. OLNEY,	O. B. E. CHIPMAN
	OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.	
CALVIN A. PAIGE,	W. C. CALLAHAN,	FELIX GATINEAU
	ASSESSORS.	
FRANKLIN JACOBS.	S. K. EDWARDS,	V. W. LAMOUREUX
	-	
	AUDITORS.	
C. F. HILL.	H. S. CHENEY, JO	OHN A. WHITTAKER
	BOARD OF HEALTH.	
F. H. OLIN,		Term Expires 189

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

o. D. DREMMAN,	-		-		-		-		-	reim	Expires	1091
SILVANUS HAYWA	ARD,			-		٠ -		-		Term	Expires	1897
A. J. BARTHOLOM	EW,		-		~		to		<u>-</u>	Term	Expires	1898:
GEORGE M. LOVE	LL,	-		-		-		-		Term	Expires	1898-
F. X. TETRAULT,			~		-		-		-	Term	Expires	1899
HENRY WHITTAK	ER,	-		-		-				Term	Expires	1899

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

FRED E. CORBIN, -	~		-		-		-	Term Expires 1897
FRANK C. LITCHFIELD,	,	, -		-		~		Term Expires 1897
JOHN M. COCHRAN,					-)		-	Term Expires 1897
J. EDWARD CLEMENCE,		-		-		-		Term Expires 1898
JOHN B. DRENNAN,	-		-		-		-	Term Expires 1898
C. C. BRADFORD, -		-		-				Term Expires 1898
CLEMENT BEGIN, -	-		-		-		-	Term Expires 1899
GEORGE GRANT, -		~				-	-	Term Expires 1899
GEORGE M. LOVELL,	_		-		104		-	Term Expires 1899

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

T. JEROME HARRINGTON,		_		-,	5,14		Term	Expires	1897
SAMUEL WILLIAMS,	-		-		-	~~	Term	Expires	1897
*FRANK P. PRATT, -		-		'	-		Term	Expires	1898
CALVIN A. PAIGE,	-		-		: ",		Term	Expires	1898
*LUTHER S. AMMIDOWN,		-		-	-		Term	Expires	1899
ALONZO W. OLDS, -	-				-	-	Term	Expires	1899
JACOB BOOTH, to fill vacance									
W. D. MORSE, to fill vacancy									

*Deceased.

CONSTABLES.

PIERRE CAPLETTE, A. M. HIGGINS, HOSEA E. WELD.

M. L. DILLABER, WM. H. BROWN, WM. SANDERS,

A. B. WELLS,

SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS.

CHANNING M. WELLS,	-	-	-	-			Term	Expires 1897
ISAAC P. HYDE, -	-	-		- ,		-	Term	Expires 1898
GEORGE L. CLEMENCE,		- ,	.77		-		Term	Expires 1899

FIRE ENGINEERS.

CHAS. P. PHIPPS, Chief, CHAS. F. MARBLE, B. C. STONE, GEO. J. LAMOUREUX, PATRICK FLYNN. ANDREW F. HALL, Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

POLICE OFFICERS.

ASA M. MORSE,
L. N. DUQUETTE,
LIBERTY REYNOLDS,
JAMES MONROE,
WM. O'HALLORAN,
W. J. DOUTY,
OSCAR BARRETT,
LOUIS PELOQUIN,
NAPOLEON DAIGNEAULT,
GEO. H. THAYER,
LUKE REILLY,
W. W. GORDON,
GEO. E. MANSFIELD,
MONROE REYNOLDS,
GEO. H. CHAFFIN.

BRADFORD C. STONE.
GEO. J. LAMOUREUX,
AUGUSTUS LOOMIS,
SOUVERAIN ROBERT.
CHARLES CURTIN,
LAWRENCE SMITH,
JAMES S. BARTLETT,
JOHN E. HEFNER,
A. E. BUELL,
THEOPHILE TREMBLY.
DENNIS MCGRATH,
JAMES E. CURLEY,
RAYMOND GOMO,
P. H. FITZPATRICK,

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

S. T. CUTTING.

W. D. MORSE,

GEO. W. COREY.

STREET COMMISSIONER.
AUSTIN H. SHEPARD.

TOWN COUNSEL.

JOHN M. COCHRAN.

TAX COLLECTOR.

JOSEPH M. OLNEY.

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK.

JOEL W. MARBLE.

KEEPER OF LOCK-UP. FRANK TREMBLY.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.
N. E. PUTNEY.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

CHARLES HYDE, H. A. MORSE, P. N. LECLAIR, FELIX LECLAIR, F. D. DRESSER, V. W. LAMOUREUX, ALEX. SIMPSON.

HENRY D. MASON, WM. D. MORSE, J. E. CLEMENCE, JOHN RYAN, E. C. ELLIS, H. B. DRESSER,

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

WM. A. SEAVEY, AUGUSTUS DANIELS, WM. BOOTH, F. E. RANDALL, C. F. MARBLE, EDWIN BACON.

WM. SEAVEY, E. C. ELLIS, E. I. KNOWLES, HENRY D. MASON, WM. A. BOYD,

FENCE VIEWERS.

HENRY A. MORSE,

JAMES BROWN, GEO. L. CLEMENCE.

FIELD DRIVERS.

DIST. 1. H. H. ADAMS.

DIST. 2. WILLARD P. MORSE.

DIST. 3. GEO. W. WYMAN.

DIST. 4. ROMAYNE BOARDMAN. DIST. 6. SILAS B. MORSE.

DIST. 5. WILLIAM SANDERS. DIST. 7. ANDREW J. CLARKE.

FIRE WARDENS.

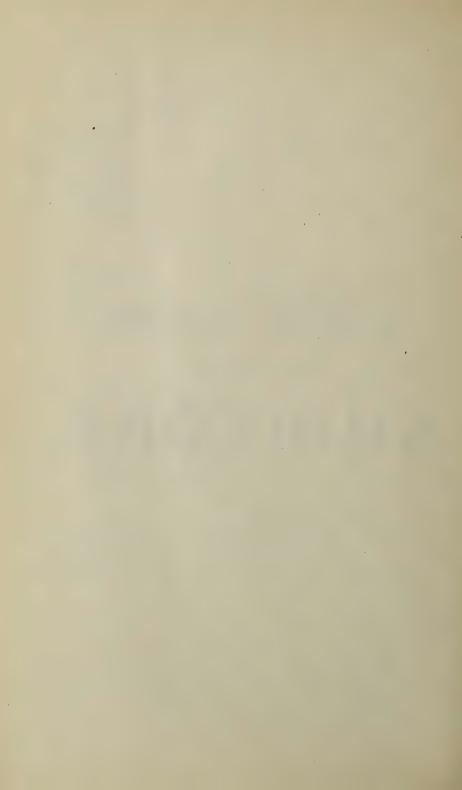
W. H. H. CHENEY, HIRAM. P. MORSE, A. J. CLARKE, Z. ALONZO MARCY.

JAMES H. MASON, GEO. L. CLEMENCE, E. T. TORREY, THOS. HUGHES.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AUDITORS.



THE ACCOUNT

OF THE

TOWN TREASURER.

JOHN A. HALL, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Southbridge, for the year ending February 28, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1896,		\$10,909 18	3
Due from J. M. Olney, Collector, 1895,		6,417 91	L
Due from S. S. Perry, Collector, 1884,		821 96	;
Tax bill of 1896:			
County tax,	\$4,756	00	
State tax,	2,852	50	
Center watch district tax and overlayings	, 1,964	29	
Bank tax, non-residents,	1,614		
Overlayings on taxes,	1,859	33	
		- 13,046 95)
Common schools,	11,375	00	
Highways,	6,900	00	
Contingent schools,	2,650	00	
Abatement taxes,	2,000	00	
Contingent expenses,	2,000	00	
Support poor,	2,000	00	
Engine men,	1,910	00	
Public library,	1,500.	00	
Water supply,	1,400	00	
Fire department,	1,400	.00	
Elm street sidewalk,	1,300	00 :	

Bridges,		\$1,000			
Cemetery impro-	vements,	1,000	00		
Sidewalk repairs	,	1,000			
Hose carriages a	nd hose,	800	00		
War relief,		800	00		
Evening schools,		650	00		
Printing,		600			
Insurance,		500			
Town hall contin	agent,	500	00		
Police station.		400	00		
Police duty,		300	00		
District court fe	es,	300	00		
Railing highway		300	00		
School apparatus	3,	200	00		
Militia,		200	00		
State aid,		200	00		
Electrician,		150	00		
Fire alarm boxes	corner Park and Everett	,			
and North	and Crystal,	125	00		
Fire alarm box c	orner Hamilton and Hook	, 100	00		
Memorial day,		100	00		
	_			\$43,660	00
Money borrowed	in anticipation of taxes,			40,000	00
State Treasurer,	Corporation tax,	12,732	58		
	State aid,	776	00		
	Militia,	300	00		
	Bank tax,	247	12		
	State pauper account,	108	65		
	Military aid,	60	00		
				\$14,224	35
Liquor licenses,				10,405	
County Treasure	er, dog fund,			630	
Cemetery fund,				605	
Mortgage note, o	eemetery fund,			500	00

Transfer from high school account to Town Ha	11
contingent,	\$500 00
Worcester Construction Company, labor,	467 27
Interest cemetery fund,	339 34
Corporation tax, sinking fund,	314 22
Produce sold,	276 16
Tuition fees,	240 27
Sidewalk assessments,	207 08
Repairs private sidewalks,	181 10
Grading cemetery lots,	172 00
Worcester, account Alfred Bushee, \$67 0	0
Spencer, account Mrs. Lewis Brunelle, 61 0	0
Sturbridge, account Mrs. Wm. Julien, 37 0	0
Williamsburg, account Mrs. H. L. Wetherell, 3 0	
	– 168 00
James Monroe, support of wife at hospital,	169 92
Warren, account war relief,	144 00
Licenses,	128 00
Public library, cards, fines, etc.,	115 39
District Court fees,	110 01
Sewer assessments,	95 25
Town Hall rentals,	62 00
Southbridge & Sturbridge Street Railway Co., labor	
Interest Mary Mynott fund,	40 20
Interest sinking fund,	40 00
Old engine house rental,	45 00
Taxes assessed,	55 00
Old plank sold,	12 50
Support poor, account Mrs. A. W. Wright,	11 00
Lawn mower sold,	4 00
	\$145,168 06
EXPENDITURES.	
	4.11 095 #7
Common schools,	\$11,935 57
Street lights,	6,024 32

Highways,	\$5,913 47
Outside poor,	5.488 61
County tax,	4,756 00
Interest,	3,966 90
Contingent expenses,	3,212 09
High school,	3,081 00
Contingent schools,	. 2,678 67
State tax,	2,852 50
State treasurer, account liquor licenses,	2,601 25
Salaries,	2,552 75
Public library,	2,187 37
Special highways,	1,999 93
Engine men,	1,910 00
Center watch district,	1,909 43
Support poor,	1,629 82
Abatement taxes,	1,878 21
Bank tax,	1,598 68
War relief,	1,543 63
Special cemetery improvements,	1,500 00
Cemetery improvements,	1,480 36
Water supply,	1,422 50
Fire department,	1,344 73
Elm street sidewalk,	1,287 42
Sidewalk repairs,	1,248 32
Retaining wall,	1,129 88
Town hall contingent,	1,135 83
Bridges,	1,043 78
Hose carriages and hose,	798 01
State aid.	776 00
Railing highways,	746 06
Summer street sidewalk,	672 13
Evening schools,	645 01
Militia,	634 79
Printing,	545 00
District court fees,	388 03

Police duty,		8299	50
Insurance,		292	22
Police station,		233	10
Fire alarm boxes.		219	25
School apparatus.		163	54
Electrician,		150	00
Repairs farm buildings,		124	60
Toboggan hill sidewalk,		124	95
Military aid,		120	00
Memorial day,		100	00
Markers, graves of revolutionary soldiers,		40	00
Mary Mynott fund,		39	32
Sewers,		10	00
Town hall special note,		3,000	00
Money deposited in savings banks,		1.949	47
Sewer notes,		1,095	00
Marcy street school house lot note,		1,000	()()
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes,		40,000	00
Cash in treasury March 1, 1897, \$	3,129 15		
Due from J. M. Olney, collector, 1896,	5,737 95		
Due from S. S. Perry, collector, 1884,	821 96		
<u>-</u>		\$9,689	06
	@1	15 189	06

\$145,168 06

Obligations Outstanding Feb. 28, 1897.

Town Hall loan, four per cent. bonds, due April 1, 1898, \$65.000 00

MARCY STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE LOT.

Southbridge Savings Bank, payable Oct. 1, 1897, 1,000 00

NEW ENGINE HOUSE.

Southbridge Savings Bank, payable July 7, 1899, \$2,000 00 SEWER.

DE WEIL.								
Southbridge	Savings	Bank,	payable	Oct.	1,	1897,	1,095	00
"	66	"	"	Oct.	1,	1898,	1,095	00
"	44	66	"	Oct.	1,	1899,	1,095	00
46	66	44	66	Oct.	1,	1900,	1,095	00
66	46	66	66	Oct.	1,	1901,	1,095	00
	66	16	66	Oct.	1,	1902,	1,095	00
"	"	46	66	Oct.	1,	1903,	1,095	00
46	66	"	66	Oct.	1,	1904,	1,095	00
. 6	"	46	44	Oct.	1,	1905,	1,095	00
"	66	46	46	Oct.	1,	1906,	1,095	00
66	46	66	66	Oct.	1,	1907,	1,095	00
66	66	66	66	Oct.	1,	1908,	1,095	00
46	66	46	. "	Oct.	1,	1909,	1,095	00
44	"	66	"	Oct.	1,	1910,	1,095	00
44	"	"	66			1911,	1,095	
66	46	**	66			1912,	550	
					,			

\$84,975 00

APPROPRIATIONS AND MATURING OBLIGATIONS TO BE PRO-VIDED FOR IN THE TAX LEVY OF 1897.

Special highways, appropriated June meeting,	\$2,000 00
Retaining wall,	1,500 00
Special cemetery improvement, April meeting,	1,500 00
Sewer note, due Oct. 1, 1896,	1,095 00
Sewer note, due Oct. 1, 1897,	1,095 00
Marcy street school-house lot, note due Oct. 1, 1896,	1,000 00
Marcy street school-house lot, note due Oct. 1, 1897,	1,000 00
Summer street sidewalk, appropriated April meeting,	700 00
Toboggan Hill sidewalk, appropriated April meeting,	125 00

\$10,015 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION	MARCH 1, 1897.
Town Hall bonds,	\$65,000 00
Sewer notes,	15,975 00
Marcy street school-house lot note,	1,000 00
New Engine house note,	2,000 00
	\$83,975 00
Less sinking fund,	60,890 26
Net debt,	\$23,084 74
Assessed valuation,	\$3,562,560 00
Population, census 1895, 8250.	

Balance of Accounts February 28, 1897.

		1	
Town house,	\$70,000 00	Town property, Town hall loan, Sinking fund, Notes payable, Cemetery fund, Unappropriated fund, Mary Mynott fund, Support poor, S. S. & B. railroad, Outside poor, High school, Dog fund, Enforcement liquor law, Center watch district,	\$81,594 50
School houses.	20,000 00 10,000 00	Town hall loan,	65,000 00
Cemetery,	10,000 00	Sinking fund,	60,985 26
Public library,	9.000.00	Notes payable, ,	19,975 00
Steamers,	8,000 00	Cemetery fund,	8,599 25
Engine houses,	5,000 00	Unappropriated fund,	5,210 44
Farm,	5,000 00	Mary Mynott fund,	1,036 48
Steamers, Engine houses, Farm, Hose, Lamp posts, Police station, Hook and ladder trucks	5,000 00	Support poor,	800 23
Lamp posts.	2,500 00	S. S. & B. railroad,	925 00
Police station.	2,500 00	Outside poor,	781 91
Hook and ladder trucks	, 2,000 00	High school,	695 26
School furniture,	1,600 00	Dog fund,	630 00
Hose carriages,	1,000 00	Enforcement liquor law.	655 84
Hearse house.	1,000 00	Center watch district	626 44
Hearse,	200 00	Town hall contingent,	569 31
Road scraper,	150 00	Town hall contingent, State aid, District court fees, Interest,	534 31
Fire engine,	100 00	District court fees,	498 11
Personal property,	3,544 50	Interest,	450 76
Hook and ladder trucks School furniture. Hose carriages. Hearse house. Hearse, Road scraper, Fire engine, Personal property, Cash,	3,129 15	Specifications, new gram	mar
Debosits in our mas pic	" (() " T e) I	school,	410 00
J. M. Olney, Collector,	96, 5,737, 95	Salaries,	391 10
S. S Perry, Collector,	84, 821 96	Salaries, Public library, Repairs farm buildings,	262737
Sewers.	13,556 09	Repairs farm buildings,	197 32
Marcy st. school house l	ot, 2,000 00	Printing,	710 00
Special highways, New engine house,	1,999 93	Street lights,	170 85
New engine house,	1,991 59	Electrician,	150 00
		Special school house, rep	s, 128 32
Retaining wall,	1.129 88		
Highways.	1,048 63	Military aid, Abatement taxes, Bridges, Insurance, Police station, School apparatus,	108 17
Summer street sidewall	x, 672 13	Bridges.	53 22
Sidewalk repairs,	329 84	Insurance.	51 68
War relief.	23.) 82	Police station.	49 97
Railing highways,	244 72	School apparatus,	42 91
Special ceme y improve Retaining wall, Highways, Summer street sidewall Sidewalk repairs, War relief, Railing highways, Contingent expenses, Toboggan Hill sidewall Fire department,	233 36	Cemetery improvements	42 62
Toboggan Hill sidewall	124 95	Bank tax.	39 67
Fire department,	115 85	Common schools.	84 29
Water supply,	22 50	Repairs police station.	16 68
Transfer of the state of the st		Militia.	15 14
		Elm street sidewalk.	12 58
		Evening schools.	9 70
		Fire alarm boxes.	5 75
		Contingent schools	4 85
		Hose carriages.	1 99
		Repairs police station, Militia, Elm street sidewalk, Evening schools, Fire alarm boxes, Contingent schools, Hose carriages, Police duty,	50
		1 one day,	
	\$252,068 36	\$	3252,068 36
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JOHN A. HALL, Treasurer.

Southbridge, Mass., March 1, 1897.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Cemetery Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896, \$7,994 25 Received from Samuel Williams, Superintendent, for sale of lots and perpetual care, 605 00

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897.

88,599 25

Cemetery Improvements.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,	87	64		
Interest from Cemetery Fund,	339	34		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	1.000	00		
S. Williams, grading lots, etc.,	176			
			\$1,522	98
EXPENDITURES.				
S. Williams, pay roll for men and teams,				

supplies, etc.,	\$1,298	34		
S. Williams, salary to May 1, 1897,	150	00		
Southbridge Water Supply Co., water un	til			
July 1, 1897,	20	00		
Geo. L. Winter, labor and supplies,	12	02		
			\$1,480	36

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897, \$42 62

Special Cemetery Improvements.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, April 11, 1896, \$1,500 00

EXPENDITURES.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Mynott Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896, Interest on Fund, Jan. 1, 1897,	\$1,035 60 40 20	\$1,075 80
EXPENDITURES.		
National Science Ass'n of America, book, Estes & Lauriat, books,	\$22 50 16 82	
_		\$ 39 3 2
Balance to credit of account March	1, 1897,	\$1,036 48

Public Library.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1,				
1896,	\$ 159	81		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	1,500	00		
Dog fund for 1895,	674	54		
Fines, cards, etc.,	115	39		
			\$2,449	74

EXPENDITURES.

Harriet H.	Stanley,	salary,	\$999	96
Harriet H.	Stanley,	expenses,	50	29

S. G. & E. Light Co., lighting,	\$212	14	
Estes & Lauriat, books,	331	84	
George W. Corey, subscriptions,	169	05	
J. S. Wesby & Sons, books and binding,	101	53	
Gas & Electric Co., wiring,	75	00	
E. C. Ellis, coal,	65	30	
T. H. Castor, books,	51	82	
Library Bureau, supplies,	28	18	
O. J. Aldrich, labor,	16	26	
J. M. Cochran, books and postage,	13	00	
E. & A. Morris' Ex. Co., book,	10	00	
Publishers' Weekly, book,	7	00	
D. Appleton & Co., books,	6	00	
G. M. Bodge, books,	6	00	
Jacob Booth & Co., painting,	5	92	
Southbridge Press, printing,	5	75	
American Library Ass'n, membership fee,	5	00	
Art Interchange, subscription,	4	00	
G. &. P. Engraving Co., stamps,	3	50	
Samuels & Kimball, book,	3	25	
Harper Bros., book,	2	80	
C. A. Cutter, supplies,	2	30	
Perry, Mason Co., book,	2	20	
Dodd, Mead & Co., book,	2	00	
Ford, Howard & Hurlbert, book,	2	00	
A. Storrs & Bement Co., tags,	1	90	
W. Bohne, (optician), book,	1	88	
The W. F. Adams Co., book,	1	00	
Providence Pub. Library, Monthly Bulletin,		50	
		_	\$2,18

\$2,187 37

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,

\$262 37

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Outside Poor.

RECEIPTS.

Darance to credit of account March 1, 1030,	31,020	5,0)	
Appropriation at annual meeting,	4,000	00	
State Treasurer, support of paupers,	108	65	
James Monroe, support of wife,	169	92	-
City of Worcester, aid Alfred Bushee,	67	00	
Town of Spencer, aid Mrs. Lewis Brunelle,	61	00	
Town of Sturbridge, aid Mrs. Wm. Julien,	37	00	
Town of Williamsburg, aid to Helen With-			
erell,	\ 3	00	
			86,270 52

EXPENDITURES.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital, support of

Hendrick L. Smith,	\$169	92
Thomas Boyle,	169	92
John Brogan,	169	92
James W. Ryan,	169	92
James Minns,	169	92
Josephine Lavallee,	169	92
Nazarine Lamont,	169	92
Annie Monroe,	169	92
Edward H. Hill,	169	92
Onezine Capistrand,	128	03
Mary Kavanaugh,	77	07

Minnie Stone,	\$59	58	
W. D. Roberts,	. 68	25	
Catherine Tinan,	71	96	
			\$1,934 17
Felix Gatineau, goods delivered to			
Mrs. Leon Rheims,	\$132	00	
Mrs. Joseph Daignault,	105	00	
Mrs. Leon Dupre,	104	00	
Mrs. L. W. Parker,	104	00	
Mrs. Adelord Brouthers,	80	00	
Thomas Cady,	33	00	
Mrs. Fred Giroux,	30	00	
Herbert Lavallee,	27	00	
Joseph Argnoit,	24	00	
Peter Lavallee,	37	00	
Michel Daignault,	18	00	
Mrs. Lewis St. Onge,	9	00	
Joseph Doe,	6	00	
Mrs. Paul Bonner,	7	50	
Paul Laplante,	12	00	
Felix Coderette,	3	00	
Noe Lippe,	3	00	
Charles Garso, Jr.,	3	00	
Jos. Arsenault,	3	00	
Peter Champaigne,	4	00	
Eugene Bodreau,	2	00	
James Bodreau,	1	00.	
			747 50
J. & T. Ryan, goods delivered to			
Mrs. Bridget Tatrault,	\$100	00	
Mary O'Brien,		00	
Honora O'Brien,		00	
James Brown, 2nd,		00	
Mrs. Patrick Horrigan,		00	
Mrs. James Gargan,		00	

Cornelius Kenney,	\$5 00	
Mrs. John Mack,	4 00	
John Kenney,	3 00	
		\$424 00
J. B. Demars, goods delivered to		
Herbert Lavallee,	\$129 00	
Mrs. Lewis St. Onge,	43 00	
Philemon Levernois,	4 00	•
		176 00
J. S. Gleason, goods delivered to		
Mrs. Dennis Murphy,	\$64 00	
Mrs. A. Moots,	45 00	
Adam McKinstry,	27 50	
Mrs. Paul Bonner,	8 00	
F. Laranger,	12 00	
Napoleon Bonno,	3 00	
Mrs. John Keough,	2 00	
		161 50
P. N. LeClair, goods delivered to		
Edward Trembly,	\$118 25	
J. B. Reno,	104 00	
Rosa Dion,	6 00	
William Buchan,	5 00	
Thomas Cady,	3 00	
<i>J</i> ,		236 25
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, supp	port of	
Catherine Tinan at Medfield In		
Asylum,	\$84 40	
John Coldrick, at state farm,	146 40	
Patrick O'Keefe, at state farm,	12 20	
Mary Kavanaugh, at state alms		
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Joseph Peloquin, goods delivered to		
Mrs. William Julien,	\$27 00	
Mrs. John Lamont,	38 00	
Tills. John Lamon,	90 00	

Control of the contro				
Felix Lamont,	\$20	00		
Godfrey Balford,	4	00		
			\$89	00
P. H. Carpenter Co., goods delivered to				
Mrs. Lewis Brunelle,	\$34	.00		
Mrs. John Lavallee,	30	00		
Mrs. Joseph Lavallee,	27	00		
,			91	00
Wm. Powers & Son, goods delivered to				
Augustus King,			84	00
Stephen Grant, goods delivered to	A P 14	^^		
Mrs. Fred Stone,	\$57			
Mrs. Geo. Wright,	.6	00	0.0	0.0
			63	00
Philip Caron, goods delivered to				
Michel Daignault,			81	00
Simeon Page, goods delivered to				
Mrs. Oliver Herbert,			27	00
F. Trembly, care of tramps,			171	40
Liberty Reynolds, care of tramps,			23	00
F. X. Lariviere, coffin and robe,				
A. Daignault's child,	\$6	00		
Mrs. Brunelle,	15			
Joseph E. Lippe,	15			
Fred Lucier's child,		00		
Belanger child,		00		
Joseph Arsynit,		00		
Oliver Herbert,	15			
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Wm. C. Callahan, coffin and robe,	and m	00		
Lemaine Fountain,	\$15			
Cornelius Kenney,	15	00		

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Michel Daignault,	\$15 00	-4
Mary Scarborough,	3 50	
		\$48 50
Samuel Williams, coffin and robe,		
James Dawson,	\$15 00	
Reuben Gage,	15 00	
neubon Gugo,		30 00
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E. C. Ellis, goods delivered to	# 40.00	
Henry Martin,	\$40 00	
Wm. Felton,	10 25	F0 0F
		50 25
Dr. F. H. Olin, town physician,		75 00
C. A. Paige, cash paid sundries,	\$28 10	
Cash paid Cordelia Podvan,	4 50	
Cash paid Mrs. Lewis Brunelle,	12 00	
,		44 60
Felix Gatineau, transportation of Mr. Loomis and family to Middle		
borough, Vt.,	\$18 15	
Alex. Herbert to Tewksbury,	8 58	
Paul Laplante to Tewksbury,	13 70	
		40 43
A. Daniels, goods delivered to		
Mrs. William Julien,	\$3 00	
Mrs. Paul Bonner,	3 00	
Telesphore Goddard,	7 25	
Emily Talbot,	2 00	
Elzear Hetu,	3 25	
John Trembly,	2 00	
Edward Trembly,	3 00	
Mrs. Joseph Daignault,	3 00	
Joseph Brouthers,	3 25	
Mrs. Fred Stone,	3 40	

John Bodreau,	\$2 00		
James Bodreau,	3 00		
Eugene Bodreau,	2 00		
		\$40	15
Paige, Carpenter Co., goods delivered to			
Dwight Marsh,	\$17 28		
Mrs. Frank Savory,	3 75		
Mrs. Fred Stone,	3 00		
Adam McKinstry,	2 50		
M. Poulind,	2 50		
John Cutting,	1 25		
Mrs. Powers,	1 25		
2.2.0. 2.0		31	53
V. W. Lamoureux, goods delivered to			
Mrs. E. Talbot,		. 1	00
Chas. Hyde, wood delivered to Mrs. John	Koonah		75
Chas. Hyde, wood denvered to Mrs. John	Keough,	4	10
Horace J. Gravel, goods delivered to			
M. Poulind,	\$12 00		
Frank Witherell,	6 00		
		18	00
Al. December woods deliganed to			
Alex. Desaulnier, goods delivered to	#95 AA		
Elzear Hetu,	\$35 00		
John Trembly,	11 00	AC	00
	,	46	00
John Halpin, goods delivered to			
Mrs. Jerry Mominee, Jr.,		5	00
Peter Purior, goods delivered to			
Mrs. John Lavallee,		15	00
W. D. Morse, goods delivered to			
Mrs. Frank Savory,		. 2	00
Michael Collins, goods delivered to			
Mrs. Alfred Bushee,		6	00

H. A. Morse, wood delivered to		
Mrs. Frank Savory,	\$14 00	
Edward Trembly,	6 00	
Mrs. Nadeau,	4 50	
Elzear Hetu,	3 75	
Eugene Bodreau,	3 00	
Peter Champaigne,	3 00	
Telesphore Goddard,	3 00	
Charles Garso, Jr.,	3 00	
		\$40 25
City of Waltham, aid rendered to		
W. J. Howard's family,		89 50
Town of Webster, aid rendered to		00 00
Lewis Shaw,	\$16 00	
Victor Bouvier,	17 50	
, accor source,	1, 00	33 50
Town of Spencer, aid rendered to		
Paul Fortier,		47 00
Town of Brookfield, aid rendered to		
Wm. Bluette,		9 00
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City of Worcester, aid rendered to	#D1 40	
Godfrey LaDuc,	\$21 43	
Adolphus and Rose Brunelle,	6 00	27 42
		27 43
Town of Southboro, aid rendered to		
Thomas Grant,		10 49
City of Fitchburg, aid rendered to		10 49
Moses Chasse,		. 8 75
City of New Bedford, aid rendered to		.0 10
Mrs. W. J. Howard,		6 50
City of Boston, aid rendered to		0 00
Eber C. Thompson,		3 00
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Town of No. Brookfield, aid render-		
ed to Hermigle Hurd,	\$2	75
Worcester City Hospital, aid ren-		
dered to Rose Dragon,	20	00
Martin Shields, goods delivered to		
John Kenney,	6	00
E. M. Goddu, expense taking Phele-		•
mon Levernois to almshouse,	5	36
C. V. Corey, care P. E. B. Botham,	5	70
Journal Printing Co., printing,	6	25
Rosette Brown, care of John Delano,	6	00
Amasa H. Dolan, care of John Esterbrook,	1	50
H. L. Geer, meat for Elzear Hetu,	1	00
	\$5,488	61
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,	\$781	91

Repairs of Farm Buildings.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,			\$321	92
EXPENDITURES.				
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, labor and supplies,	\$78	25		
C. W. Williams, work on furnace, etc.,	20	40		
Charles Proulx & Co., shingling alms-				
house,	. 16	50		
J. W. Marble, labor,	5	00		
Joseph Proulx, work on town farm barn,	4	45		
			\$124	60
Balance to credit of account March 1.	1897	abandones	\$197	32

Support of Poor.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,	\$142	89
Appropriation at annual meeting,	2,000	00
George F. Northup, produce sold,	276	16
Aaron M. Wright, care of M. Wright,	11	00

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EXPENDITURES.

G. F. Northup and wife, salary,	\$600	00
H. H. French, grain,	157	32
P. H. Carpenter Co., supplies,	120	55
Fred LaCrosse, labor at farm,	114	40
F. M. Marble, supplies,	82	13
E. C. Ellis, coal,	78	00
H. A. Morse, fertilizer,	69	80
F. Gatineau, supplies,	59	36
Paige, Carpenter Co., clothing,	54	68
Stephen Grant, supplies,	38	65
W. D. Morse, supplies,	34	73
F. N. Stearns, fire extinguishers for town		
farm,	30	00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., rental and tolls of		
telephone at town farm,	28	05
E. C. Ellis, supplies,	22	95
L. C. Prindle, grain,	20	79
H. A. Dresser, supplies,	20	00
Estate George S. Stone, labor and materials	, 18	80
M. P. Webster, crackers,	18	12
Wm. H. Clarke, labor and materials,	15	22
George L. Winter, labor and materials,	11	26
Weld & Beck, grain,	9	30
Edwin Bacon, trees,	8	00

C. A. Paige, appraisers at town farm,	\$6	00		
F. A. Hager & Co., crackers,	4	55		
James Mason, labor at farm,	2	00		
C. M. Carpenter, labor and materials,	1	40		
G. Dupuis, repairing shoes,	1	40		
H. A. Morse, ice for farm,	1	36		
John Clarke, labor at farm,	1	00		
			\$1,629	82
Balance to credit of account March	1, 1897,		\$800	23

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Common Schools.

RECEIPTS.

,		\$11 969	86
Tuitions,	9 00		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	11,375 00		
Balance to credit of account March 1	1,1896, \$585 86		

EXPENDITURES.

J.	Т.	Clarke,	services	as	Superintendent	to	
		March	1, 1897,	,		\$1,400	00

Teachers-

Mann A II. dlan	\$100 AA
Mary A. Hadley,	\$ 168 00
Elizabeth G. Dinan,	288 00
Louise O. Twombly,	380 00
Mabel J. Newell,	328 00
Carolyn H. Parker,	216 00
Agnes P. Kingsbury,	48 00
Mary B. Sherman,	412 00
Sadie S. Cairns,	53 00
H. Genevieve Hyde,	134 00
Mary E. Clemence,	380 00
Susan M. Knight,	342 00
Annie M. Newell,	16 20
Mary E. McCabe,	342 00
Lizzie E. Morse,	213 80
Isabella P. Taylor,	437 00

Alice Holmes,	\$437 00
A. Rebecca Rowley,	342 00
Mary E. Meagher,	380 00
Agnes M. Meagher,	342 00
Nettie V. Stone,	169 80
Jane Farquhar,	342 00
Mary A. Ellis,	342 00
Martha Cutting,	342 00
Margaret G. Butler,	328 00
Anna F. Eager,	180 00
Clara P. Chase,	315 00
Ida M. Plimpton,	328 00
Margaret L. O'Hara,	304 00
Mary L. Boardman,	328 00
Eva Benham,	200 00
Winifred M. Kinney,	60 00
Mabel T. Hardy,	189 00
Jacobina W. Taylor,	. 33 00
Mrs. H. N. Carpenter,	83 25
Mabel E. Raftery,	132 80
Ethel E. Letcher,	9 00
Janitors—	
George M. Lovell,	\$285 00
James Brown,	228 00
William C. Hall,	166 30
Roy Sanders,	38 00
Geo. E. Morse,	4 00
I. M. Plimpton,	8 00
M. L. O'Hara,	12 00
M. L. Boardman,	15 00
	 756 30
Fuel	
A. Daniels, wood,	\$375 78

E. C. Ellis, coal,	\$207	80				
Thomas Hughes, wood,	21	00				
William Booth, coal,	18	75				
M. Bachand, wood and labor,	17	00				
Charles M. Morse, wood and labor,	.12	00				
S. P. Morse, wood,	11	53				
J. T. Clarke, cash paid for wood and	d					
labor,	9	81				
J. G. Clapp, wood,	3	75				
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, shavings,	2	00				
			\$682	42		
Tuition—						
Town of Sturbridge, pupils in						
Dennison District,	\$78	00				
M. E. Irving, tuition of Julius Irving	, 12	00				
James H. Mason, tuition of daughter						
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Transportation—						
M. W. Kelley,	\$11					
John Fitzpatrick,	6	00				
			17	00		
				\$11,9	935 5	57
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Balance to credit of account M	larch	1, 1	1897,	8	34 2	29

Contingent Schools.

Balance to credit of account March 1,	1896, \$25	22
Appropriation at annual meeting,	2,650	00
Books, supplies, etc., sold,	8 8	30
	-	- \$2,683 52

EXPENDITURES.

J. T. Clarke, sundries,	\$225	
J. Booth & Co., labor and supplies,	218	
Ginn & Co., books,	185	61
Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Co.,		
supplies,	151	90
Boston School Supply Co., supplies,	129	68
Southbridge Water Supply Co.,	120	00
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies,	116	32
Silver, Burdett Co., books,	102	96
Prang Educational Co., books,	101	88
E. E. Babb, supplies,	82	57
O. J. Aldrich, labor and materials,	81	46
M. Egan & Son, painting,	76	02
O. B. E. Chipman, self, men and teams,		
labor bank wall at Main street school,	69	80
American Book Co., books,	68	97
Holden Patent Book Cover Co., supplies,	67	50
W. H. Claflin, self, men, teams and ma-		
terials,	57	60
O. D. Case & Co., supplies,	56	67
W. & W. A. Seavey, teams for J. T. Clarke	, 44	75
George M. Lovell, labor,	40	50
Monroe Reynolds, school census,	35	00
Sanford, Sawtelle & Co., supplies,	33	65
D. C. Heath & Co., supplies,	33	73
George L. Winter, labor and material,	32	36
T. W. Tracy, repairing organs,	30	00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	25	50
Monroe Reynolds, truant officer,	25	25
Peter Caplette, labor,	25	25
Wm. Ware & Co., books,	21	70
James Brown, labor,		30
W. H. Clarke, labor and materials,	20	
W. C. Hall, labor,	20	
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J. M. & L. D. Clemence, labor and materials, \$19 52

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Maynard, Merrill & Co., supplies,	19	50		
Green & Peloquin, orchestra,	18			
Southbridge Press, printing,	17	00		
Southbridge Herald, printing,	16	08		
Charles Wilder, thermometers,	16	76		
Eva Benham, teams to district schools,	16	50		
D. R. Barlow, trees and setting of same,	15	00		
W. & W. A. Seavey, teams for Eva Benham,	15	50		
W. C. Lewis, labor and material,	14	70		
J. J. Delehanty & Co., supplies and labor,	14	60		
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, supplies,	16	00		
Thorp, Martin Co., books, .	14	40		
James Brown, truant officer,	14	25		
Joseph Gillott, pens,	13	65		
H. L. Smith, labor,	11	36		
S. W. Davis, trucking,	11	18		
Thompson, Brown & Co., books,	10	80		
C. S. Ayres, supplies,	10	15		
A. F. Eager, teams to district schools,	9	00		
Martin J. Judge, supplies,	8	75		
Thomas Todd, books,	7	00		
Eagle Pencil Co., pens and pencils,	7	00		
Rand, McNally & Co., supplies,	6	00		
George F. King & Merrill, supplies,	6	00		
Southbridge Journal Co., printing,	6	25		
Frank Langevin, sawing wood,	5	50		
Dr. J. A. Genereux, vaccination,	4	00		
Henry Hay, floor dressing,	3	20		
H. R. Beecher, engrossing diplomas,	3	00		
T. H. Castor, supplies,	2	40		
Joseph Proulx, labor and materials,	1	83		
		_	\$2,678	67
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1	897,	-	\$4	85

Evening Schools.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 189	96, \$4	71		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	650	00		
			\$654	71
EXPENDITURES.				
Teachers—				
E. I. Knowles,	\$105	00		
Alice Holmes,	51	25		
Agnes M. Meagher,	62	25		
Martha Cutting,	51	75		
Margaret G. Butler,	62	25		
Ransom P. Nichols,	52	50		
Nellie F. Ryan,	63	00		
Janitors—				
Wm. C. Hall,	29	40		
Joseph H. Conner,	29	40		
Rent of hall,	35	00		
J. T. Clarke, sundries,	39	01		
E. E. Babb, books and paper,	31	10		
Peter Caplette, labor,	12	50		
Southbridge Gas & Electric Co., light,	8	10		
A. Daniels, wood,	6	00		
W. C. Hall, labor,	3	00		
S. W. Davis, trucking,	2	00		
Journal Co., advertisement,	1	50		
			\$645	01

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,

\$9.70

High School.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,	\$453	29		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	3,100	00		
Tuitions,	222	97		
			\$3,776	26

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers—				
F. E. Corbin,	\$1,300	00		
Ransom P. Nichols,	600	00		
Sarah L. O'Toole,	531	25		
Anna F. Eager,	90	00		
Mrs. H. N. Carpenter,	59	75		
Town Hall contingent, for janitors'	ser-			
vices and fuel,	500	00		
			\$3,081	00

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897, \$695 26

School Apparatus.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896, Appropriation at annual meeting,	\$6 200	00	\$206	45
EXPENDITURES.				

Geo. C. Shepard & Co., supplies,	-	\$37 80	
Thomas, Hall & Sons, supplies,		45 30	
F. W. Graham, books,		23 00	
J. B. Lippincott & Co., books,		18 00	

Con Dahlishia Co hasha	@17	00	
Spy Publishing Co., books,	\$17	00	
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies,	14	64	
Rand, McNally Co., maps,	7	80	
J / L /			\$163 54
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Balance to credit of account March	1, 1091,		\$42 91

SELECTMEN.

Abatement of Taxes.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting, \$2,000 00 EXPENDITURES. Account overdrawn March 1, 1896, \$13 62 1.878 21 Abatements. \$1891 83 Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897. \$108 17 Banquet Hall. RECEIPTS. Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896. \$19 68 EXPENDITURES. Transferred to unappropriated funds, \$19 68 Bridges. RECEIPTS.

1,000 00

12 50

\$1,097 00

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896, \$84 50

Appropriation at annual meeting,

Old plank sold,

EXPENDITURES. W. M. Harris, lumber. 8176 17 J. M. &. L. D. Clemence, lumber, 168 47 O. B. E. Chinman, labor on Central street bridge. 154 38 Pierre Allard, labor on River street bridge, 123 10 Town of Dudley, part expense on bridge at West Dudley. 111 37 J. Ouimette & Son, labor and material, 45 32 T. C. Merritt, labor. 45 25 M. Egan & Son, painting, 45 00 A. H. Shepard, labor on Mechanics street bridge. 43 00 Southbridge Printing Co., lumber, 36 51 N. E. R. R. Co., freight. 27 85 A. Daniels, lumber. 26 54 Henry St. Martin, labor, 17 07 W. H. Clarke, materials, 17 00 W. C. Lewis, supplies, 3 25 Geo. L. Winter, supplies, 3 20

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897.

853 22

\$1.043 78

Contingent.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account M	March 1, 1896, 8586	46
Appropriation at annual meeti	ing, 2,000	()()
Worcester Construction Co.,	392	27

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EXPENDITURES.

O. B. E. Chipman, labor on abutment Cen-		
tral street bridge.	\$503	ĢĢ
E. M. Phillips, attending town meeting,		
clerk of registrars, returning births.		
deaths and marriages, election ex-		
penses. etc	251	70
J. M Olney, labor account charged to		
Worcester Construction Co.,	392	27
J. M. Coehran, town counsel.	17.5	1111
Election expenses, April, 1896.	158	25
Election expenses, November, 1896,	158	(h)
Joseph L. Woodbury, curbing, \$50 70		
Joseph L. Weodbury, fountain lase. 50 00		
	100	70
A. H. Shepard, repairing brook, Hartwell's		
corner.	98	68
A. H. Shepard, repairing culvert, Elm		
street.	50	70
A. C. Moore, surveying,	73	25
J. A. Whittaker, surveying,	69	00
Special officers. July 3rd and 4th, 1896.	67	50
Union Snow Plow & Wagon Co., snow-		
plow,	65	00
W. H. Claflin, labor on fountain,	59	46
W. H. Claflin, labor self, men and teams.	54	7.3
C. P. Phipps, cleaning Hamilton street		
reservoir,	(1,1)	12
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, labor and material.	47	11
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., rental and		
tolls selectmen's office.	44	69
Luke Reilly, police duty.	44	
J. M. Olney, stationery and supplies.	35	
J. W. Ellam, postage stamps.	34	(14
F. Jacobs, books, etc., for assessors,	33	(3:3

Gas & Electric Co., lighting auditors' and		
selectmen's rooms.	\$33	76
W. M. Harris, cement,	27	50
H. A. Morse, inspector of cattle,	25	00
J. J. Bowlen, sprinkling streets,	25	00
Dr. J. S. E. Ferland, returning 92 births,	23	00
Dr. J. O. Genereux, returning 92 births,	23	00
F. X. Lariviere, assessors' teams,	21	75
W. & W. A. Seavey, selectmen's teams,	20	00
N. E. Putney, salary sealer of weights 1895		
and 1896,	20	00
Central Mills Co., supplies to Central St.		
bridge abutment,	19	95
Hamilton Woolen Co., sand,	19	50
M. L. Dillaber, Sunday police duty,	18	00
W. & W. A. Seavey, assessors' teams,	17	00
M. L. Dillaber, serving April and		
May town warrant, \$6 00		
serving dog warrant, 10 00		
serving Representative notice, 5 00		
	21	00
Jerry Gauthier, cleaning reservoirs,	13	48
W. C. Callahan, disinfecting houses,	15	00
Dr. F. W. Edwards, services Nov., 1894,	15	00
A. B. Wells, Sunday police duty,	18	00
W. C. Callahan, returning 58 deaths,	14	50
F. E. Northup, assessors' teams,	13	00
L. N. Duquette, police duty,	15	.00
H. L. Smith, inspecting plumbing,	10	11
Henry Hay, aid Mr. Street killed Nov., 1894,	12	00
F. P. Goulding, professional services,		00
Luke Reilly, serving dog warrant,	10	00
J. M. Olney, expenses of selectmen to see		
the Spencer, Brookfield & Warren		
Street Railway,	9	75

Henry St. Martin, labor on gratings,	\$8	35
George L. Winter, labor and supplies,	7	07
Dr. W. G. Reed, returning 24 births,	6	00
Dr. W. G. Reed, services,	1	00
S. Williams, returning 27 deaths,	6	75
A. H. Shepard, labor, G. V. watering tub,	6	00
C. A. Dresser, rent of flag staff,	5	00
Dr. A. J. McCrea, returning 14 births,	3	50
Dr. A. J. McCrea, attendance at lock-up,	1	50
John Flood, care of gratings,	5	00
Police duty at town hall, June 18, 1896,	5	00
J. M. Olney, examining selectmen's records,	5	00
H. L. Smith, labor on fountain,	7	22
Southbridge Press, printing,	4	75
Fred Hefner, flowers,	4	50
Peter Caplette, labor,	4	00
Southbridge Herald, printing,	3	50
F. H. Olin, M. D., returning 12 births,	3	00
Stewart & Warren, cash book for Treasurer,	3	00
Jacob Booth & Co., labor and material,	2	58
L. E. LeRiche, returning 9 births,	2	25
Azel Thompson, labor and supplies,	3	00
W. & W. A. Seavey, team for Board of Health,	2	00
Albert Lovely, care of Globe Village water-		
ing tub,	2	30
H. M. Meek, directory,	2	00
John Hefner, police duty,	2	00
John A. Hall, stamps,	2	00
Frank Trembly, labor and material.	1	84
Dr. J. S. Chagnon, returning 7 births,	1	75
Dr. L. W. Curtis, returning 7 births,	1	75
The Journal Co., printing,	1	50
V. W. Lamoureux, oil,	1	37

New England R. R. Co., rental Crane St. drain, \$1 00 E. C. Ellis, supplies, 95

- \$3,212 09

Account overdrawn March 1, 1897,

\$233 36

Culvert Near W. H. H. Cheney's and G. E. Mansfield's.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,

\$8 20

EXPENDITURES.

Transferred to unappropriated funds,

\$8 20

District Court Fees.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896, \$476 13
Appropriation at annual meeting, 300 00
Fees and fines, 110 01

\$886 14

EXPENDITURES.

Worcester Truant School,

support of Joseph Berthiaume, \$104 00

Howard Witherell, 104 00

George Poulind, 64 00

George Bullock, 20 57

\$292 57

Officers' fees, \$39	46
J. A. Whittaker, survey for inquest, Nov. 1894, 29	50
Frank Trembly, meals to prisoners, 26	50
-	\$388 03
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,	\$498 11

Elm Street S	idewalk.	
RECEIPT	s.	
Appropriation at annual meeting,		\$1,300 00
EXPENDITU	RES.	
W. H. Claffin, labor, self, men and	teams, \$744 96	
Joseph L. Woodbury, curbing,	278 00	
Worcester Gaslight Co., tar,	140 60	
N. Y. Tar Chemical Co., pitch,	53 76	
Sidewalk account, for curbing,	25 00	
Bridge account, plank,	12 50	
Hamilton Woolen Co., sand,	11 50	
J. A. Whittaker, surveying,	11 00	
J. M. Olney, gravel,	10 10	
		\$1,287 42
Balance to credit of account Ma	arch 1, 1897,	\$12 58

Engine Men.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,

\$1,910 00

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Steamer Co. No. 1,	\$ 590	00		
Steamer Co. No. 2,	590	00		
Hook & Ladder No. 1,	265	00		
Hook & Ladder No. 2,	265	00		
Four Engineers,	200	00		
			\$1,910	00

Electrician.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896, \$150 00)
Appropriation at annual meeting, 150 00	
	\$300 00
EXPENDITURES.	
A. F. Hall, electrician,	\$150 00
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,	\$150 00

Enforcement of Liquor Law.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to	credit of	account	March	1,	1896,	\$655	84
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EXPENDITURES

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,	\$655 84

\$000 00

Fire Department.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,

\$1,400 00

EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1896,	\$171	12
J. J. Bowlen, horses,	173	00
G. S. Stone, labor and supplies,	129	00
Hamilton Woolen Co., supplies and horses,	108	36
William Booth, coal,	103	41
Cole Bros., repairing air chamber, steamer 2	, 95	25
Worcester Rubber Co., coats and boots,	81	32
Southbridge Gas & Electric Co.,	69	83
W. & W. A. Seavey, horses,	68	50
Boston Woven Hose Co., hose,	66	00
George L. Winter, labor and supplies,	56	70
N. S. Viall, horses,	50	00
Southbridge Herald, printing,	35	70
E. C. Ellis, coal,	31	75
Water Supply Co.,	27	00
Dwight Chamberlain, labor,	26	22
Hartford Steam Boiler Co., insurance,	25	00
Henry F. Knowles, supplies,	20	75
C. P. Phipps, supplies,	19	77
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, labor and material	, 18	17
J. Booth & Co., labor and material,	14	79
C. F. Marble, freight and trucking,	14	50
Kabley Foundry Co., castings,	13	35
Combination Ladder Co., supplies,	13	25
B. Silk, use of wagon,	12	00
Calvin Claffin, labor and material,	11	75
A. F. Hall, labor and material,	11	50
Robert Wardle, painting,	11	32
Geo. B. Works, labor,	10	65

J. M. Brousseau, labor,		7	45		
City of Springfield, glass jars,		4	80		
J. Ouimette & Sons, labor and material,		4	00		
Washburn & Moen Co., wire,		3	69		
W. H. Clarke, supplies,	7.4	2	71		
J. S. Gleason, supplies,		1	74		
Peter Caplette, labor,		1	50		
				\$1,515	85
Account overdrawn March 1, 1897,				\$115	85

Highways.

RECEIPTS.

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35 00

Appropriation at annual m	eeting,	\$5,500	00	
Southbridge & Sturbridge	St. R. R.,	50	00	
				\$5,550
EX	PENDITURES.			
Account overdrawn March	1, 1896,	\$685	16	
A. H. Shepard and men,	\$3,022 7	5		
teams,	1,862 10)		
		- 4,884	85	
Snow account—				
A. H. Shepard and men,	\$308 82	2 %		
C. M. Morse,	13 6	3		
		322	45	
W. H. Claflin, labor self, m	en and teams,	290	89	
J. M. Olney, gravel,	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	137	90	
Estate Geo. S. Stone, labor	and material,	77	82	

Litchfield Shuttle Co., gravel,

J. S. Keyes, men and teams,

\$800 00

Romayne Boardman, gravel,	\$20	60		
M. Plimpton, sand,	20	40		
George W. Wells, gravel,	19	80		
Weld & Beck, supplies,	19	14		
P. H. Carpenter Co., powder and fuse,	7	34		
J. N. Larned, labor, iron grate,	4	00		
C. D. Monroe, gravel,	3	90		
Litchfield Shuttle Co., labor and material,				
road scraper,	4	40		
M. Farrell, repairing culvert,	2	98		
James Mason, sand,	2	00		
J. B. Desrosier, labor,	2	00		
W. C. Lewis, shovel,		50		
		_	\$6,598	63
Account overdrawn March 1, 1897,			\$1,048	63
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Hose Carriages and Hose.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,

EXPENDITURES.			
Combination Ladder Co., reels, pipes,			
nozzles, etc.,	\$295	59	
Combination Ladder Co., 600 feet of hose,	270	00	
Boston Woven Hose Co., hose, etc.,	174	50	
C. P. Phipps, supplies,	57	92	
			\$798 01
Balance to credit of account March 1.	1897.		\$1 99

Insurance.				
RECEIPTS.				
Appropriation at annual meeting,			\$500	00
EXPENDITURES.				
Account overdrawn March 1, 1896,	\$156	10		
E. M. Phillips & Son,	269	90		
W. P. Plimpton,	22	32		
			\$448	32
Account overdrawn March 1, 1897,			\$51	68
Interest.				
RECEIPTS.				
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,	\$217	66		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	4,200	00		
11 1			\$4,417	66
EXPENDITURES.				
Interest on Town Hall bonds,	\$2,600	00		
Sewer notes,	727	34		
Anticipation of taxes,	409	06		
Marcy street school house lot note,	92	50		
New Engine House note,	80	00		
Town Hall special,	58	00		
			\$3,966	90
Balance to credit of account March 1,	1897,		\$450	76

Markers of Graves of Revolutionary Soldiers.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,	\$40	00
EXPENDITURES.		
M. D. Jones & Co., markers.	\$40	00

Memorial Day.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting, \$100 00

EXPENDITURES.

Malcolm Ammidown Post, G. A. R.,

\$100 00

Military Aid.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896, \$182 00 State Treasurer, 60 00

\$242 00

EXPENDITURES.

Aid to Dan Fairfield.

\$120 00

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,

\$122 00

Militia.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896, \$149 93 From State Treasurer. 300 00

Appropriation at annual meeting, 200 00

\$649 93

EXPENDITURES.

L. H. Tiffany, rent, \$350 00

E. J. Bartholomew, balance due on rent rifle range, July 1, 1891, to July 1, 1896,

150 00

Southbridge Gas & Electric Co.,	\$60	69		
Capt. U. A. Goodell, treasurer, for janitor,	30	00		
C. H. Ullrich, heating armory,	15	00		
Southbridge Water Supply Co.,	14	00		
T. C. Merritt, labor,	5	60		
Charles Hyde, wood,	5	50		
H. A. Morse, wood,	4	00		
	_		\$634	79
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1	897,		\$15	14
New Engine House	·.			
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,			\$8	41
EXPENDITURES.				
			\$0	00
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1	.897,		\$8	41
Police Duty.				
RECEIPTS.				
Appropriation at annual meeting,			\$300	00
EXPENDITURES.				
Wm. O'Halloran,	\$55	00		
James Monroe,	50			
William Brown,	50			
Romo Gomo,	50			

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Patrick Fitzpatrick,	\$72 50		
Luke Reilly,	22 00		
		\$299	50
Balance to credit of account March 1	, 1897,	\$00	50
Police Station.			
RECEIPTS.			
Appropriation at annual meeting,		\$400	00
EXPENDITURES.			
Account overdrawn March 1, 1896,	\$116 93		
Frank Trembly, janitor, salary,	108 41		
E. C. Ellis, coal,	36 50		
Southbridge Gas & Electric Co.,	30 51		
Liberty Reynolds, janitor, salary,	21 68		
Southbridge Water Co.,	13 00		
Putnam, Davis Co., register,	9 00		
Frank Trembly, wood and labor,	5 50		
J. D. Blanchard & Co., bed clothing,	3 00		
Gilbert Theriault, wood,	2 00		
C. M. Morse, wood,	2 00		
W. H. Clarke, water tank,	1 50		
		\$350 (03
Balance to credit of account March 1,	1897,	\$49 9	97
Printing.			
RECEIPTS.			
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896			
Appropriation at annual meeting,	600 00		

Robinson & Dougherty, auditors', library and school reports, advertisements,				
bills, etc., Ellam & Grant, election supplies, license	\$383	90		
blanks, tax collector's books, advertisements, etc.,	116	50		
The Journal Co., advertisements and Board	110	00		
of Health notices, etc.,	44	60	\$ 545	00
Dalama to make of a count March 1	1007		_	
Balance to credit of account March 1,	1891,		\$178	98
Railings.				
RECEIPTS.				
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,	\$126	34		
By appropriation at annual meeting,	300	00		
Southbridge & Sturbridge street railway,	75	00	\$501	24
EXPENDITURES.			TOOM	91
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	\$ 195	09		
O. B. E. Chipman, self, men and teams,	176			
Pierre Allard, labor,	96			
J. Booth & Co., painting,	90			
R. Wardle, painting,		84		
J. M. Olney, ties for posts,		20		
J. Ouimette & Son, labor and material,	30	60		
T. C. Merritt, labor,		59		
George L. Winter, supplies,	8	77		
J. T. McKinstry, painting,	5	85		
Jules Blair, labor,	4	25		
			\$746	06
Account overdrawn March 1, 1897,			\$244	72

Repairs Police Station.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896, \$16 68

EXPENDITURES.

\$00 00

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897, \$16 68

Retaining Wall, Sturbridge Road.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at June meeting, \$1,500 00

EXPENDITURES.

O. B. E. Chipman, self, men and teams, \$1,129 88

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897, \$370 12

Sandersdale Road Improvement.

RECEIPTS.

By appropriation at annual meeting for improvements on Sandersdale road and Sturbridge road,

\$2,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

A.!H. Shepard, self, men and teams, \$1,869 73 George W. Wells, gravel, 65 90

C. D. Paige, material,	\$50	00		
Estate George S. Stone, labor and mate	rial, 14	30		
			\$1,999	98
Balance to credit of account March	1, 1897,		\$00	07
Salaries.				
RECEIPTS.	202 #112	0 -		
Balance to credit of account March 1, 18				
By appropriation at annual meeting,	2,500		\$2,943	85
EXPENDITURES			,	
Board of Selectmen—	•			
Thomas Sanders,				
J. M. Olney,				
O. B. E. Chipman,	\$300	00		
Overseers of the Poor—				
C. A. Paige,				
Henry A. Morse,				
Felix Gatineau,	300	00		
Board of Health,				
C. C. Bradford,				
W. G. Reed,				
F. H. Olin,	150	00		
Board of Registrars—				
Geo. W. Corey, \$28	80			
,	80			
S. T. Cutting, 28	80	4.0		
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E. M. Phillips, clerk of Registrars, atte		00		
ing town meetings, and copying,	32	80		

Board of Assessors—						
V. W. Lamoureux,	\$330	50				
F. Jacobs,	171	50				
S. K. Edwards,	236	25				
			\$738	25		
Board of Auditors, April 1, 1890	6, to Ap	pril				
1, 1897						
C. F. Hill,						
H. S. Cheney,			4 ~ 0	^ ^		
John A. Whittaker,			150			
J. M. Olney, Tax Collector for 1			350	-		
John A. Hall, Treasurer for 189			350	00		
V. W. Lamoureux, work for the	Overse	ers	0.5	2.0		
of the Poor,			95	30	# 2 F F 2	0.5
					\$2,552	65
Balance to credit of account	March	1, 1 _	.897,		\$ 391	20
Sew	ers.					
RECE	CIPTS.					
Balance to credit of account Ma	reh 1, 18	896,			\$293	71
EXPEND						
Central Mills Co., flushing sewer	rs,				10	00
Balance to credit of account	March	1, 18	897,		\$283	71
		-				
Sidewalk	Repai	rs.				

Sidewalk Repairs.

By appropriation at annual meeting,	\$1,000	00
From W. H. Claffin, for tar, etc.,	57	60

Private walks.	\$98	50		
Elm street sidewalk, curbing,	25	00		
		_	\$1,181	10
EXPENDITURES.				
Account overdrawn, March 1, 1896,	\$262	62		
W. H. Claflin, self, men and teams,	837	13		
Worcester Gaslight Co., tar,	99	88		
Hamilton Woolen Co., sand,	82	50		
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	48	02		
N. E. R. R., freight,	61	00		
Estate George S. Stone, labor and materials	, 19	08		
Joseph L. Woodbury, curbing.	20	65		
T. C. Merritt, labor,	18	15		
American Optical Co., asphaltum,	17	50		
J. M. Olney, gravel,	16	50		
George L. Winter,	12	93		
Joseph Ouimette & Son, labor,	5	85		
Charles Hyde, wood,	5	63		
A. J. Reynolds, wood,	3	50		
			\$1,510	94
Account overdrawn March 1, 1897.			\$ 329	84
Special Fire Alarm B	loves			
•	OACS	•		
RECEIPTS.				
By appropriation at annual meeting,			\$225	00
EXPENDITURES.				
N. E. Gamewell Fire Alarm Co., boxes and				
keys,	\$156	25		
A. F. Hall, labor and material,	63	00		
	_		\$219	25
Balance to credit of account March 1,	1907			75

Specifications and Plans New Grammar School.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1. 1896, \$410 00

EXPENDITURES.

\$000 00

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897, \$410 00

Street Lights.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896, \$195 17

Appropriation at annual meeting, 6,000 00

\$6,195 17

EXPENDITURES.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897, \$170 85

Town Hall Contingent.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,	\$643	14		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	500	00		
Transferred from High School account,	500	00		
Rentals of hall,	62	00		
-			\$1705	14

EXPENDITURES.

D. C. L.	***			
Peter Caplette, janitor,	\$600	00		
Southbridge Gas & Electric Co.,	163	33		
E. C. Ellis, coal,	196	76		
Southbridge Water Supply Co.,	80	00		
J. Booth & Co., painting,	35	93		
H. L. Smith, labor and material,	20	40		
W. H. Clarke, supplies,	11	90		
Jerry Gauthier, labor,	4	00		
Stewart Boiler Works, material,	4	00		
Joseph Proulx, labor,	6	46		
M. Reynolds, labor,	3	50		
Peter Caplette, labor,	3	50		
Felix Gatineau, supplies,	2	37		
George L. Winter, supplies,	1	98		
M. Egan, glass,	1	00		
W. D. Morse, supplies,		70		
		_	\$1,135	83

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897, \$579 31

Summer Street Sidewalk.

By appropriation at annual meeting,			\$ 700	00
EXPENDITURES.				
W. H. Claffin, self, men and teams,	\$ 323	74		
Joseph L. Woodbury, curbing,	198	50		
Worcester Gaslight Co., tar,	81	40		
N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Co., pitch,	35	84		
J. A. Whittaker, surveying,	12	75		

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J. M. Olney, gravel,	\$11	90		
Hamilton Woolen Co., sand,	8	0.0		
-			\$672	13
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1	897,		\$27	87
Toboggan Hill Sidewa	ılk,			
RECEIPTS.				
By appropriation at June meeting,			\$125	00
EXPENDITURES.				
A. H. Shepard, self, men and teams,	\$110	25		
C. D. Monroe, gravel,	14	70	\$124	95
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1	897,		\$0	
State Aid.				
RECEIPTS.				
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,	\$334	31		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	200			
From State Treasurer,	776	00	\$1,310	31
EXPENDITURES.			,	
W. G. Coffin,	\$8	00		
Fred L. Holmes,	72			

20 00

72 00

72 00

60 00

48 00

Sylvester Seymour,

John P. Boniface,

Samuel Young,

Fred Kind,

John Stone,

Daniel Smith, Jr.,	\$40	00		
Lucian Bates,	48	00		
Frank Seymour,	48	00		
W. E. Horton,	72	00		
C. A. Wesson,	48	00		
Matilda Rivers,	48	00		
Linus Albee,	48	00		
Charles L. Newhall,	24	00		
Sarah M. Young,	48	00		
		_	\$776	00
Balance to credit of account March 1,	1897,		\$534	31
-				
Water Supply.				
RECEIPTS.				
Appropriation at annual meeting,			\$1,400	00
EXPENDITURES.				
Southbridge Water Supply Co., rental Apr.				
	\$700	00		
Southbridge Water Supply Co., rental Oct.				
1, 1896, to Apr. 1, 1897,	700	00		
Southbridge Water Supply Co., hydrant,				
Cross and Union streets,	22	50		
-		—	\$1,422	50
Account overdrawn March 1, 1897,			\$22	50
War Relief.				
RECEIPTS.				
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1896,				
Appropriation at annual meeting,	800			
Town of Warren, account O. B. Rumrill,	144	00	#1 919	01
		-	\$1,312	91

EXPENDITURES.

O. B. Rumrill,	144	00
Mrs. Chas. Horton,	96	00
Mrs. Lewis Buldie,	120	00
Fred Laplante.	144	00
Mrs. Harriet Armes,	120	00
Fabien Lescarbeau,	96	00
Charles Bartlett,	72	00
Mrs. Abbie Barrett,	144	00
Ellen Galloway,	120	00
Catherine Caine,	24	00
Joseph Corey,	12	00
Linus Albee, clothing, etc.,	9	75
Daniel Smith, Jr., expenses to hospital, and		
supplies,	24	25
Mrs. Charles Horton, clothing, etc.,	19	08
Paige, Carpenter Co., goods deliv-		
ered to John Stone, \$1 00		
Edward Armes, 9 50		
L. Albee, 4 50		
	15	00
A. H. Wheeler, goods delivered to		
Mrs. Sellig, \$7 09		
Mrs. Charles Horton, 3 75		
	10	84
J. M. Olney, cash paid for services ren-		
dered Mrs. Sellig,	55	62
J. M. Olney, cash paid for Mrs. Sellig to		
Worcester hospital,	13	
Mrs. Rosette Brown, care Mrs. Sellig,	30	00
W. & W. A. Seavey, team for Mrs. Sellig,	5	00
J. B. Drennan, hospital expenses Mrs. Sellig	, 31	83
J. & T. Ryan, rent Mrs. Sellig,	5	00
Dr. A. J. McCrea, professional services		
Mrs. Sellig,	37	11

Wm. C. Callahan, burial Mrs. Sellig,	\$34	50		
Dr. F. H. Olin, professional services to				
Samuel Young and family,	64	50		
Mrs. A. W. Olds, aid to Linus Albee,	12	00	* *	
Mrs. Geo. Olds, """""	10	00		
Mrs. Henry Walker, aid to Linus Albee,	5	00		
J. D. Blanchard & Co., goods to Linus Albee	, 9	00		
Southbridge Savings Bank, rent of room to				
Linus Albee,	9	00		
A. Daniels, coal and wood to Mrs. A. E.				
Dinsmore,	4	40		
W. D. Morse, goods delivered to Mrs. A. E.				
Dinsmore,	10	00		
E. C. Ellis, goods delivered to Mrs. Chas.				
Horton,	6	75		
J. S. Gleason, goods delivered to Daniel				
Smith,	5	00		
Charles Hyde, wood to Daniel Smith,	2	75		
George Wald, boots for Fred Holmes,	3	50		
J. B. Plante & Co., clothing for Frank Seymour	, 3	50		
N. T. Hurlbut, clothing for Frank Seymour,	15	00		
			\$1,543	63
Account overdrawn March 1, 1897,			\$230	82

VALUATIONS.

Valuation of the Town of Southbridge,

AS ASSESSED MAY 1, 1896.

Valuation of real es	tate,	\$2,734,351 00		
Valuation of persons	al estate,	828,209 00		
1			\$3,	562,560 00
Loss on real estate,				1,291 00
Gain on personal est	tate,			5,394 00
Total tax, state, cou	nty, town	and overlayings,		53,127 84
Rate of taxation, per	r \$1,000,			14 00
Number of residents	assessed o	n property,	980	
Number of non-resid	ents assess	ed on property,	118	
Number of persons a	ssessed for	poll tax only,	982	
*		ı v		2080
Number of assessed	horses,			648
	cows,			579
	sheep,			103
	neat cattle	e other than cows	,	191
	swine,			. 88
	dwelling h	nouses,		985
	fowls,			435
	acres of la	nd,		12,946

Valuation of Center Watch District.

Valuation of real and personal estate,	\$1,516,223 10
Loss in valuation from that of 1895,	6,061 00
Amount raised by taxation,	1,963 19
Rate of taxation, per \$1,000,	1 30

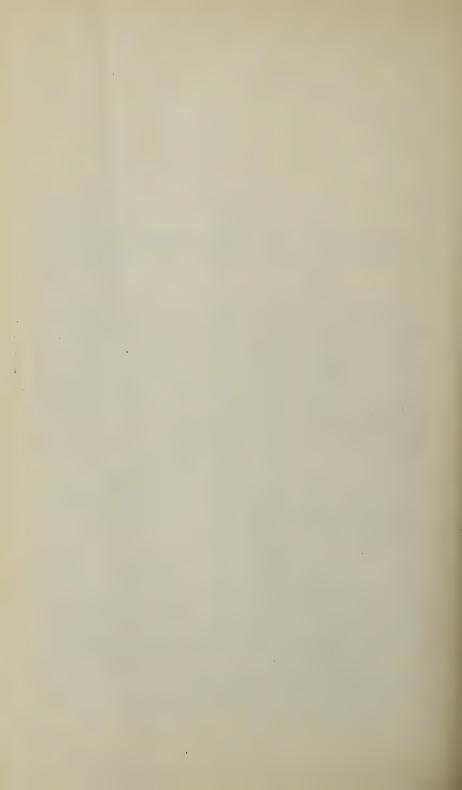
ACCOUNTS.	Appropriations and Receipts.	Expenditures.	Unexpended.	Overdrawn.	Appropriations Recommended.
Abatement of Taxes	\$2,000 00				
Banquet HallBridges	19 68				
Cemetery Fund	8,599 25		8,599 25		
Cemetery Improvements Cemetery Improvement (Special)	1,522 98 1,500 00				
Common Schools	11,969 86	11,935 57	34 29		13,200 00
Contingent Account	2,978 78 2,683 52		1 95	233 36	13,200 00 2,500 00 2,700 00
Culvert near Mansfield & Cheney,	8 20	8 20			,
District Court Fees	886 14 300 00		498 11		100 00
Elm Street Sidewalk	1,300 00		12 58	,	
Enforcement of Liquor Law Engine Men	655 84		655 84		1.070.00
Evening Schools	1,910 00 654 71	645 01	9 70		1,910 00 650 00
Fire Department	1,400 00			110 80	1,850 00
Fire Alarm Boxes (Two)	225 00 3,776 26	219 25 3,081 00	695 26		2 900 00
Highways	5,550 00	6,598 63	7.00	1,048 63	6,500 00
Hose Reels (Special)	800 00 500 00		51 68		800 00
Insurance	4,417 66	3,966 90	450 76		3,800 00
Markers, Graves Rev. Soldiers Memorial Day	40 00 100 00	100 00			
Militia	649 93	634 79	15 14		200 00
Military Aid	242 00 1,075 80	120 00 39 32	1.036 48		200 00
New Engine House	8 41		8 41		
Outside PoorPolice Duty	6,270 52 300 00	5,488 61 299 50	781 91 50		5,000 00 300 00
Police Station	400 00	350 03	49 97		350 00
Printing	723 58	545 00			500 00
Public Library	2,440 74	2,187 37	262 37		1,800 00 & dog fund
Railings	501 34	746 06		244 72	500 00
Repairs on Farm Buildings	321 92 16 68	124 60	197 32		200 00
Repairs on Police Station Retaining Wall, Sturbridge Road,	1,500 00	1,129 88	370 12		
SalariesSandersdale Road Improvement,	2,943 85 2,000 00	2,552 65 1,999 93	391 20		2,300 00
School Apparatus	206 45	163 54	42 91		200 00
Sewers	293 71 1,181 10	10 00 1,510 94	283 71	329 84	1,200 00
Sinking Fund	60,890 26	********	60,890 26		1,500 00
Specifications New Gram. School, State Aid	410 00 1,310 31	776 00	410 00 534 31		200 00
Street Lights	6,195 17	6,024 32	170 85		6,000,00
Summan Stuast Walls	700 00 2,430 05	672 13 1,629 82	27 87 800 23		2,000 00
Toboggan Hill Walk	125 00	124 95	05		
Support of Poor. Toboggan Hill Walk. Town Hall Contingent. War Relief. Water Supply.	1,705 14 1,312 81	1,135 83 1,543 63	569 31	230 82	500 00 1,000 00
Water Supply	1,400 00	1,422 50		22 50	1,500 00
Outstanding Obligations Reported by Treasurer as in 1897 Tax					
Levy					10,015 00
Total,	\$152,458 60	\$76,150 00	\$78,534 32	\$2,225 72	\$77,515 00

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

The undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Southbridge, hereby certify that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, and of each of the several boards of the Town officers authorized to draw orders upon the Town treasury, as required by the By-Laws of the Town, and find that the several items contained in each of the accounts presented in each of the foregoing reports of receipts and expenditures are correct and properly vouched for.

C. F. HILL,H. S. CHENEY,J. A. WHITTAKER,Auditors of Southbridge.

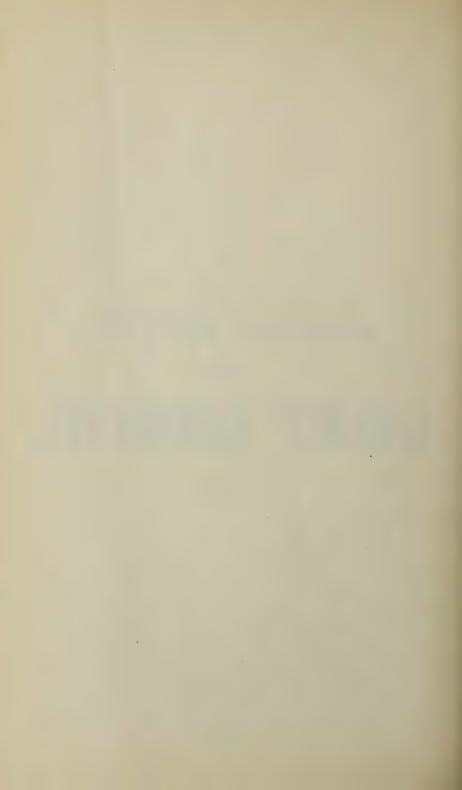
Southbridge, March 4, 1897.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.



LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Remarks.

The increased use of our Library by teachers, scholars and the members of the Literary clubs in Southbridge, shows the growing appreciation of the means furnished for a higher education, and constantly emphasizes the increasing demands for more commodious quarters in which to carry on the work. We need additional room for the storing of our books, and especially do we want facilities for the use of the reference books and for the carrying on of literary work. The improved method of Library work and improved facilities for ready reference introduced by our Librarian are such as to draw people more and more to our Library, and shows a growing appreciation of the opportunities and advantages furnished.

In selecting the books for use in the Library, the Committee endeavor to meet the demand for what is known as popular literature, and at the same time furnish the latest books on literary and scientific matters, and to secure all such books as are needed by the student in connection with his studies, thus endeavoring to make the Library supplement and aid the cause of general education.

Endeavoring to keep within the annual appropriation the Committee finds itself somewhat embarrassed in not being able to introduce many features of Library work which are attracting attention at the present time and are features of the larger and more liberally endowed Libraries. The Committee, however, proposes to print the coming year, a Fiction List, giving

alphabetically and by author, all the fiction at present in the Library, this list to be followed, as our means may allow, by other lists, such as history, travel, etc., printed in such a manner that when all are completed they can be bound into one complete catalogue, showing the entire contents of the Library. In adopting this method a portion of the work will be paid for each year, and the town will not be called upon to pay the expense of printing an entire catalogue in some one year.

The Committee made its annual examination of the Library Feb. 22, and find the Library carefully kept and in a satisfactory condition. The Librarian's report, with detailed state-

ments, is attached hereto.

The Committee ask for an appropriation of \$1,800, and the dog tax fund for the current expenses of the Library, and for the purpose of fitting up and using an additional room on the same floor, for the accommodation of reference books and the literary working of the Library.

For the Committee.

J. M. COCHRAN, Secretary.

March 1, 1897.

Librarian's Report.

310 new readers have registered since March 1, 1896. 214 registered the year before. The number of volumes issued for home use was 21167, a gain of 1415 over the preceding year. The per cent. of books circulated from the fiction section dropped from 42.54 to 39.39. No statistics are kept of persons using the reading-room or consulting books in the library because of the time required for keeping such statistics and of the wish to allow readers free access to books for reference. 52 worn books have been replaced and 129 rebound.

With the help of the teachers considerable has been accomplished in directing children's reading. A teachers' meeting in May was devoted to the consideration of co-operation between the schools and the library. Not only have books been drawn for school use in connection with lessons, but pupils have been provided by the teacher with registration slips and in some cases lists of books have been posted in the school-room. The good results of this effort have been noticeable in the character of books drawn by the school children.

An alphabetical list of all the fiction in the library has been prepared and is in the hands of the printer. This list is arranged both by authors and titles and the country and period of historical novels are noted. This forms the first of the class lists of which it is hoped that another may be printed during the coming year.

Two tiers of shelving were built in the autumn, but it is necessary that some further arrangement be made shortly for more shelf room.

Several valuable reference books have been added, among them Bartlett's Concordance to Shakespeare, the Century cyclopedia of names, and a new edition of Lippincott's gazetteer of the world. The library is a subscriber for the Cumulative index to periodicals, which is issued monthly and is an alphabetical index by subject to articles appearing in periodicals from Jan. 1 to the date of issue. This forms an up-to-date supplement to Poole's subject index to periodical literature and is of great convenience in looking up recent articles on any subject. Two practical books on optics were purchased and have been in almost constant circulation, Bohne's Handbook for opticians and Tiffany's Anomalies of refraction. Mathews' Familiar trees and their leaves has helpful illustrations. John Muir, author of Mountains of California, is the man of whom Emerson wrote, "He is more wonderful than Thoreau." Burroughs' Pepacton and Stevenson's Inland voyage are delightful books of their

kind. Stedman's Victorian anthology is a valuable and conveniently arranged collection of modern English poetry. To any lover of poetry unacquainted with them William Watson's poems are recommended as worth knowing.

There have been frequent visitors to the museum during the year, though no record has been kept of the number. The room is not open on a regular day, as was once the custom, but persons wishing to see the museum can get the key at the library.

The usual tables of statistics are appended and a list of books added exclusive of periodicals bound and official publications of the United States and of Massachusetts.

HARRIET H. STANLEY, Librarian.

Accessions,		
Bound volumes in library March 1, 1896 Added by purchase Added by gift Added by binding periodicals	293 93 84	15921 470
Removed		16391 32
Bound volumes in library March 1, 1897 Periodicals (odd numbers) in library March 1, 1896 Pamphlets in library March 1, 1896	821	16359 460
Pamphlets added	56	877
Unbound material in library March 1, 1897		1,337
Circulation.		
Days library was open		305
Volumes issued for home use		21,167

Average daily issue	69
Largest daily issue, Feb. 13	203
Smallest daily issue, Jan. 28	8

Registration of Readers.

Accounts opened from the beginning	6,005
Accounts cancelled from the beginning	2.545
Accounts opened the past year	310
Accounts now open	3,460

Classification of Accessions and Circulation.

		Volumes added.	Now in library.	Volumes circulated.	Per cent·
1.	Fiction	80	1,894	8,339	39.39
2.	Juvenile	45	1,120	4,705	22.44
3.	History	19	1,274	624	2.94
4.	Biography	18	1,201	498	2.35
5.	Travel	20	859	659	3.11
6.	Poetry	17	644	530	2.50
7.	Science and education	32	857	542	2.56
8.	Literature and art	15	1,050	577	2.72
9.	Religion	14	530	129	.61
10.	Complete works		255	144	.68
11.	Miscellaneous works	1	431	143	.67
12.	Bound periodicals	64:	1,527	1,003	4.73
13.	Agriculture	1	193	21	.10
14.	Law reports of Mass.	3	199	4	.01
15.	Mass. public documents	22	517	5	.02
16.	U. S. public documents	52	1,491	12	.05
17.	French books	26	382	2,495	11.31
18.	Unbound periodicals			657	3.10
R.	Reference books	14	781	80	.37
A.	Ammidown library	1	908		
D.	Duplicate bound periodical	s 11	263		

Circulation by Months for the past Ten Years.

	1887-8	1887-8 1888-9	1889-90 1890-1 1891-2 1892-3 1893-4 1894-5 1895-6 1896-7	1890-1	1891-2	1892-3	1893-4	1894–5	1895-6	1896-7
March	1623	1682	1749	2002	1699	1564	1923	2328	2142	2009
April	1268	1270	1363	1558	1531	1354	1588	1855	1620	1574
May	1045	1171	1209	1429	1292	1140	1330	1551	1364	1615
June	1172	1015	1245	1302	1225	1126	1214	1613	1295	1679
July	1062	1106	1430	1328	1237	1234	1418	1601	1505	1564
August	1179	1137	1442	1430	1145	1388	1535	1726	1,214	1653
September	1122	1201	1225	1481	1101	1217	1604	1703	1359	1478
October	1136	1338	1469	1565	1301	1300	1704	1786	1545	1865
November	1239	1376	1680	1379	1295	1376	1874	1898	1768	1787
December -	1274	1419	1532	1515	1510	1684	2062	1859	1785	1919
January -	1337	1796	1798	1739	1538	1670	2553	2180	1990	2087
February -	1490	1650	1646	1581	1886	1617	2411	1820	1865	1937
Total -	14947	16161	17788	18309	16760	16970	21315	21920	19752	21167

Gifts to the Library.

NAMES OF DONORS.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
American humane association		1
" humanitarian league		1
Baillies' institution, Glasgow, Scotland		1
Benton, J. H. jr		1
Bradford, Dr. C. C.	1	
Brookfield, town of		1
Brookline public library		3
Cambridge " "		1
Chicago—Civil service commission	1	
Chicago public library		1
Clinton, Town of		1
Cochran, J. M.	1	
Concord public library		1
Enoch Pratt free library, Baltimore		1
Fall River public library		1
Forbes library, Northampton		1
Hartford public library		1
Harvard university	1	1
Hoar, G. F.		1
Hopedale, public library		1
Indian rights association		4
Leicester public library		1
Leonard, Miss Anna	1	
Maimonides free library, New York city		1
Mass., Commonwealth of	28	1
Mass., institute of technology		1
Merritt, Miss M. L.	4	
New Haven public library		1
New York state		6
Newton public library		1
Nichols, R. P.	1	

Oxford, Town of		1
Phillips, E. M.	1	
Pratt, Mrs. Frank	6	
Public reservations, Trustees of		1
St. Louis public library		1
Salem " "		1
Springfield " "		1
Stockwell, G. A.	1	
Stokes, A. P.	1	
Sturbridge, Town of		1
Syracuse central library		1
Thomas Crane public library, Quincy		1
United States government	53	9
Walker, Hon. J. H.		1
Worcester polytechnic institute		1
Worcester public library		1

Periodicals and Newspapers.

Abbreviations: (bm) bi-monthly, (d) daily, (f) fortnightly, (m) monthly, (q) quarterly, (w) weekly.

GIVEN.

American Magazine of civics (m), C. L. Newhall
Book reviews (m), Publishers
Catholic quarterly review, Rev. J. B. Drennan
Christian leader (w), Young people's Christian union
Collector (m), C. L. Newhall
Congressional record (d), Hon. J. H. Walker
Consular reports (m), U. S. bureau of Statistics
Cook's excursionist (m), Publishers
Donahoe's magazine (m), Rev. J. B. Drennan
Georgetown college journal (m)
Hatch experiment station bulletin (m), Mass. agricultural college

Home Market bulletin (m), Publishers

Land of Sunshine (m), Publishers

Library bulletin (m), Brookline public library

" (q), Hartford "

" (m), Springfield " "

Literary news (m), Publishers

Massachusetts ploughman (w), Linus Darling, ed.

New England farmer (w), G. M. Whitaker, ed.

Official gazette (w), U. S. patent office

Onward (w), Young people's Christian union

Our dumb animals (m), Publishers

Royal arcanum guide (m), Phænix council

Southbridge herald (w), W. T. Robinson & D. S. Dougherty

" journal (w), F. C. Goulding

" press (w), George Grant

Spirit of '76 (m), C. L. Newhall

Travelers' record (m), Publishers

Harper's bazar (w)

Union signal (w), Woman's Christian temperance union

SUBSCRIBED FOR.

American architect (w) Harper's monthly Atlantic monthly round table (w) Art interchange (m) weekly Bookman (m) Journal of education (w) Library bulletin, Boston public Boston journal (d) transcript (d) library (m) herald (d) Library bulletin, Providence journal of commerce (w) public library (m) Century (m) Library journal (m) Cumulative index to periodi- Literary world (f) Littell's living age (w) cals (m) Edinburgh review (q) McClure's (m) English illustrated (m) Magazine of art (m) Forum (m) Methodist review (bm)

New England (m)

Christian advocate (w)
New York tribune (d)
"sun (d)
North American review (m)
Outlook (w)
Popular educator (m)
Popular science monthly
Review of reviews (m)
St. Nicholas (m)
Science (w)
Scientific American (w)

Scientific American supplement (w)
Scribner's (m)
Southbridge journal (w)
Springfield republican (d)
Webster times (w)
Westminster review (m)
Worcester gazette (d)
"spy (d)
Youth's companion (w)

FOR HOME USE.

Atlantic monthly Century Harper's monthly New England North American review St. Nicholas Scribner's

List of Books Added During 1896.

FICTION.

1 -1832.	Abbott, C. C. Colonial wooing
1-1840.	Allen, J. L. Aftermath (sequel to Kentucky
	cardinal)
1-1877.	Allen, J. L. Summer in Arcady
1 -1833.	Bangs, J. K. Houseboat on the Styx
1 -1838.	Barlow, Jane. Strangers at Lisconnel
1-1825.	Barr, Mrs. A. E. Bernicia
1 -1893.	" Rose of a hundred leaves
1-1866.	Barr, Robert. Woman intervenes
1-1899.	Barrie, J. M. Sentimental Tommy
1-1871.	Black, William. Briseis
1-1841.	Blake, M. M. Courtship by command
1-1852.	Bunner, H. C. More "short sixes"

1-1849.	Burnett, Mrs. F. H. Lady of quality
1-1823.	Burnham, Mrs. C. L. Dearly bought
1-1824.	Burnham, Mrs. C. L. Next door
1-1854.	Cambridge, Ada. Fidelis
1-1858.	Carey, R. N. Cousin Mona
1-1882.	Clemens, S. L., (Mark Twain.) Personal recollec
	tions of Joan of Arc
1-1865.	Crane, Stephen. Red badge of courage
1-1846-7.	Crawford, F. M. Casa Braccio
1-1881.	Crawford, F. M. Pietro Ghisleri
1-1887-8.	Crawford, F. M. Taquisara
1-1848.	Crockett, S. R. Cleg Kelly
1-1899.	Crockett, S. R. Gray man
1-1878.	Davis, Mrs. R. H. Doctor Warrick's daughters
1-1889.	Davis, Mrs. R. H. Frances Waldeaux
1-1884.	Deland, Mrs. Margaret. Philip and his wife
1-1834.	
1-1831.	Fletcher, J. S. Where highways cross
1-1867.	Ford, P. L. Honorable Peter Stirling
1-1883.	Frederic, Harold. March hares
1-1869.	Fuller, Anna. Venetian June
1-1 830.	Goodloe, A. C. College girls
1-1 856.	Guiney, L. I. Lover's Saint Ruth's
1-1892.	Harte, F. Bret. Barker's luck and other stories
1-1872.	Harte, F. Bret. In a hollow of the hills
1-1898.	Hope, Anthony, pseud. Heart of Princess Osra
1-1837.	Howells, W. D. Day of their wedding
1-1897.	Jewett, S. O. In the country of the pointed firs
1-1822.	Jewett, S. O. Life of Nancy
1-1857.	Jones, A. I. Beatrice of Bayon-Teche
1 -1835.	Lang, Andrew. Monk of Fife
1-1891.	Maclaren, Ian, pseud. Kate Carnegie
1-1836.	Magruder, Julia. Princess Sonia
1-1863.	Marlitt, E. pseud. Owl's nest
1 -1900.	Merriman, H. S. Flotsam

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1-1901.	Merriman, H. S. Grey lady
1-1842.	Merriman, H. S. Sowers
1-1860.	"Miss Toosey's Mission," author of My honey
1-1859.	" "Pen
1-1861.	" " Pris
1-1862.	" "Rose and lavender
1-1843.	Mitchell, J. A. Amos Judd
1-1844.	Phelps, E. S. Singular life
1-1851.	" " Supply at Saint Agatha's
1-1880.	Pool, M. L. Mrs. Gerald
1-1870.	Prescott, E. L. Apotheosis of Mr. Tyrawley
1-1879.	Rivers, G. R. R. Governor's garden
1-1845.	Russell, W. C. Honour of the flag
1-1828.	Sherwood, Margaret. Experiment in altruism
1-1896.	" Puritan Bohemia
1-1826.	Smith, F. H. Gentleman vagabond and some others
1-1827.	" " Tom Grogan
1-1874.	Stevenson, R. L. Weir of Hermiston
1-1876.	Stimson, F. J. King Noanett
1-1895.	Stockton, F. R. Mrs. Cliff's yacht (sequel to Adven-
	tures of Captain Horn)
1-1853.	Strain, E. H. A man's foes
1-1850.	Tirebuck, W. E. Miss Grace of All-Souls
1-1875.	Tompkins, E. K. Broken ring
1-1855.	Underwood, F. H. Doctor Gray's quest
1-1839.	Walford, Mrs. L. B. Successors to the title
1-1885-6.	Ward, Mrs. M. A. Sir George Tressady (sequel to
	Marcella)
1-1873.	Wellesley college—Class of 1896. At Wellesley
1-1829.	White, E. O. Coming of Theodora
1-1894.	Wiggin, Mrs. K. D. Marm Lisa
1-1868.	Wilkins, M. E. Madelon
1-1864.	Wister, Owen. Red men and white

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2-1083.	Brooks, E. S. Boy of the first empire
2-1109.	" " Century book of famous Americans
2-1096.	Brooks, Noah. How the republic is governed
2-1093.	Brown, H. D. Little Miss Phoebe Gav
2-1089.	Butterworth, Hezekiah. Zigzag journeys around the
	world
2-1125-6.	Chase, A. and Clow, E. Stories of industry
2-1100.	Farmyard friends
2-1108.	Hawthorne, Nathaniel. Wonder-book, Tanglewood
	tales, and Grandfather's chair
2-1090.	Henty, G. A. Through Russian snows
2-1103.	Tokai, Moritz, and others. Golden fairy book
2-1080.	Kipling, Rudyard. Second jungle book
2-1082.	Kirby, Mary, and Kirby, Elizabeth. Aunt Martha's
	corner cupboard
2-1105.	Lang, Andrew. My own fairy book
2-1112.	Lang, Andrew, editor. Animal story book
2-1084.	" " Red true story book
2-1127.	La Rame, Louise de. Bimbi
2-1099.	Molesworth, Mrs. M. L. and others. Cosy corner
	stories
2-1113.	Norton, C. L. Medal of honor man
2-1087.	Otis, James. Boys of 1745
2-1085.	" Ezra Jordan's escape
2-1086.	" " Island refuge
2-1088.	" Neal the miller
2-1091.	Perry, Nora. Flock of girls and boys
2-1110.	" Three little daughters of the revolution
2-1098.	Picture book garden
2-1115-8.	Pratt, M. L. American history stories
2-1119-22.	" " People and places here and there
2-1123.	" " Stories of colonial children
2-1124.	Pratt, M. L. and Lovering, A. T. Stories of Mass-

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.



SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We give in brief the doings of the Selectmen for the past year. Large expenditures have been made, owing to demands made upon us. The appropriations made in the spring were not sufficient for the maintenance of some of the departments, whereby the accounts are quite largely overdrawn, but which will be fully explained in the detailed report of the Board of Auditors.

Highways.

Our highways and streets are in good condition. Permanent improvements have been made. The widening and filling of the Sandersdale road, and the widening of the street and building of the retaining wall near the Sturbridge line are improvements that the Town may well be proud of. All special appropriations have been kept within the amounts. All moneys have been used in a judicious and economical manner. Information received from Town Counsel, J. M. Cochran, that there are no cases now pending against the Town, all cases being declared off. For our highways we would recommend the sum of \$6,500.

Contingent.

This account is overdrawn, owing to contingencies that have arisen the past year. The retaining wall at Central street bridge, and the walls of the brooks under Main and Marcy streets were rebuilt from this account. We would recommend the sum of \$2,500 for this account.

Sidewalks.

The old brick walks are fast giving way to concrete, as the bricks are becoming very much worn and in fact dangerous. Under the vote of the Town, the Selectmen have had constructed two new walks, Summer street and Elm street extension walks, which are now public walks belonging to the town. No town in the Commonwealth can show better constructed sidewalks than our own. We would recommend the sum of \$1,200 for this account.

Railings.

During the past year we have been obliged to build about 2,500 feet of new railing to protect the Town's interests, and the general repairs of the old railings has overdrawn the account. We would recommend the sum of \$500 for this account.

Bridges.

The bridges of the Town are all in good condition. Most of them have been inspected, and, if needed, were repaired. The town of Dudley rebuilt the abutments of the bridge at West Dudley, under a contract made between the towns of Dudley and Southbridge a number of years ago, whereby the Town of Southbridge was to pay one-third of the expense of keeping the bridge in repair. We would recommend the sum of \$400 for this account.

Insurance.

As a number of policies expire this coming year, we would recommend the sum of \$800 for this account.

Fire Department.

The fire department is in efficient hands. The Chief, with his able associates, has succeeded in getting this department so it now stands as one of the best equipped and best manned fire departments in the State. For detailed account, look at the Chief's report. We would recommend the sum of \$1.850 for this account.

Town Hall Contingent.

We have to the credit of this account \$569.31, and with the \$500 from school fund, we would recommend the sum of \$500 for this account.

War Relief.

This account has been drawn heavily upon, owing to the demands made for assistance. Some of the old soldiers are getting past work. The pensions which they draw are not sufficient for their maintenance, consequently they must be helped from this appropriation. We would recommend the sum of \$1,000 for this account.

Militia.

We would recommend the sum of \$200 for this account.

Street Lights.

We would recommend the sum of \$6,000 for this account.

Shade Trees.

Complaints have come to the Selectmen of the cutting down and removing of shade trees standing along our highways. We herein print Sec. 15 of the By-Laws of the Town:

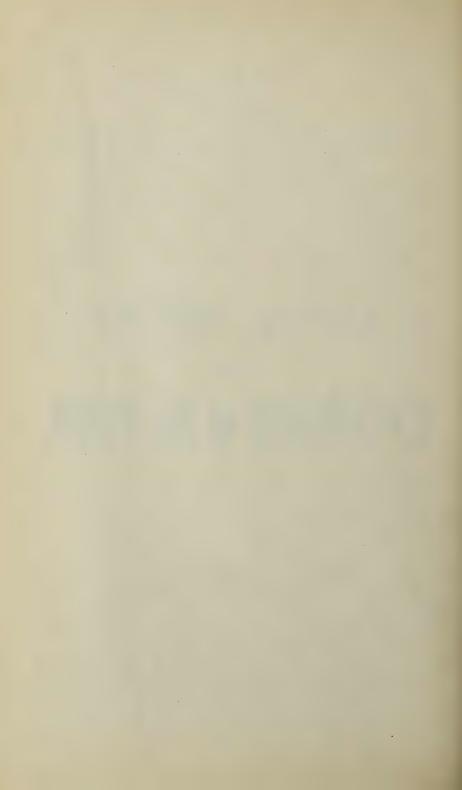
Section 15. No person shall cut down or remove any ornamental or shade trees standing in a highway, town way or street, unless the same obstructs such ways or endangers, hinders or incommodes persons traveling thereon, without first giving notice of his intention to one or more of the Selectmen or Road Commissioners of the town; and if the Selectmen or Road Commissioners desire to retain the tree they shall give notice of such desire to such person within ten days thereafter; and the damages caused by the retaining of said tree shall be determined in the same manner as in a case of damage by the alteration of such highway, town way or street.

O. B. E. CHIPMAN,
J. M. OLNEY,
THOMAS SANDERS,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS of the POOR.



OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Farm and Almshouse.

Amount of orders drawn, \$1,629 00, against \$2,058 last year, a decrease of \$428.

Whole number of inmates, 21, with an average of 17 all the year.

The net cost is \$1 53 per week, which includes services of Superintendent and Matron, hired help, telephone service and purchase of two fire extinguishers. The inventory, \$3,544, shows a shrinkage of \$37 from last year.

The management of the property by Mr. and Mrs. George F. Northup, Superintendent and Matron, has been to the satisfaction and approval of the Overseers, who have engaged their services for another year, and will commence their nineteenth year of continuous service.

The expenditures have been kept within the appropriation with a credit balance of \$800 23.

For the ensuing year we recommend an appropriation of \$2,000, and \$200 for Repairs of Buildings.

Outside Poor.

The Overseers of the Poor have drawn 224 orders. For the Outside Poor \$5,488 61. For the Farm and Almshouse, \$1,629 82. For Repairs of Buildings, \$124.60. Total, \$7,243 03. The total expense to the town is \$5,058 61. This includes \$2,256 paid for the insane in Hospital, \$257 paid other towns for persons having settlements in this town, \$109 paid in this town for persons having settlements in other towns, \$321 paid for the State for unsettled persons, \$161 80 for 1,618 tramps. The Hospital charges amount to 41 per cent. of the account. The full amount, \$169 92, an account paid Worcester Hospital for Annie Monroe, has been paid to the town by James Monroe. The expenditures have been kept within the appropriation, with a credit balance of \$791 81. Inmates in hospitals and other institutions:

Catherine Tynan, Hendrick L. Smith, John Coldrick, Mary Kavanaugh, Thomas Boyle, John Brogan, James W. Ryan, Edward H. Hill, James Minns, Nazarine Lamont.

For the ensuing year we recommend an appropriation of \$5,000.

C. A. PAIGE, W. C. CALLAHAN, F. GATINEAU,

Overseers of the Poor.

Inventory of Personal Property at the Alms= house and Farm, Feb. 28, 1897.

Class 1, Stock,	\$1,128	80		
2, Hay and Grain,	424	75		
3, Carts, wagons, farming tools,	870	46		
4, Household furniture,	342	70	·	
5, Beds and bedding,	300	00		
6, Family supplies,	477	79		
			\$3,544	50
Inventory of 1896,			\$3,581	54
Shrinkage over last year,			\$37	04

HENRY A. MORSE, S. K. EDWARDS, ANDREW H. MORSE,

Appraisers.

Account of Cash

Received and paid Town Treasurer by C. A. Paige for account of Overseers of Poor for the year ending February 28, 1897:

James Monroe, for hospital charges,	\$169	92
City of Worcester, aid Alfred Bushee,	67	00
Town of Williamsburg, aid Helen L. With-		
erell,	3	00

Town of Sturbridge, aid Mrs. William Julien, \$37 00
Town of Spencer, aid Mrs. Brunelle, 61 00
Received from Mrs. Aaron W. Wright, 11 00
Geo. F. Northup, sales of produce at Farm, 276 10

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Inmates of Almshouse.

The following persons have been inmates a part or all of the year. Those marked * were inmates March 1, 1897.

*John Clark,	aged	91
*Charles Congdon,	aged	51
*Lucy Harding,	aged	67
*John Murphy,	aged	73
*Catherine Welch,	aged	81
*Daniel Holden,	aged	76
*Regina Fogle,	aged	75
*Sarah McColgan,	aged	57
*Thomas Kerwin,	aged	54
*John Mack,	aged	76
*Caroline Clark,	aged	84
*Lewis Homans,	aged	68
*Ann Coldrick,	aged	61
*John Foley,	aged	90
*Catherine Foley,	aged	74
*Julia Carney,	aged	69
*Thomas Grant,	aged	38

*Adelia Davis,		aged 60
Wm. Dalton,		aged 40
Mrs. McGraw,		aged 65
Aaron W. Wright.	90	aged 50
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Twenty-one in all, average 17.

C. A. PAIGE, W. C. CALLAHAN, F. GATINEAU.

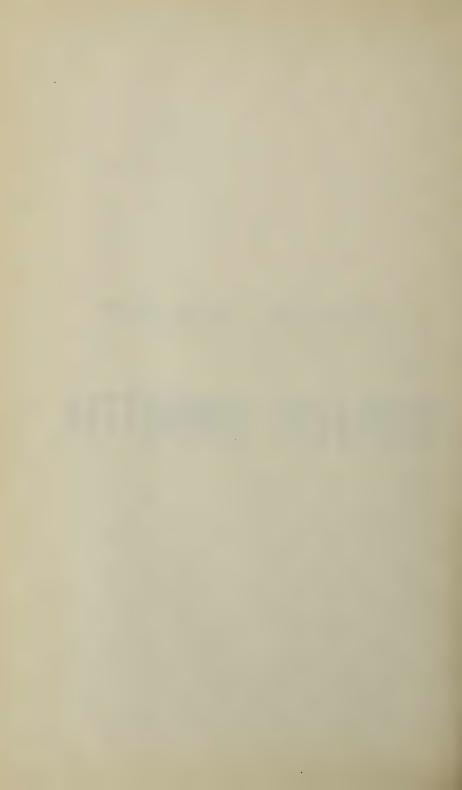
Overseers of the Poor.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.



CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Report of Cemetery Committee.

The work of the Superintendent, Samuel Williams, has been to the satisfaction and approval of the Committee. We submit his report as part of our own, giving details of the work. The fund now amounts to \$8,599.25, a gain of \$605, and will be further increased for lots already sold as soon as paid. We repeat from our report of last year that the amount will soon reach \$10,000, if our citizens act wisely and purchase lots and provide for perpetual care. L. S. Ammidown and F. P. Pratt, members of the Committee, have died during the year. Both were much interested and gave willingly and freely much time to help carry out the work now so well commenced. Mr. Ammidown served many years on the Committee and rendered valuable service. The vacancies caused by their death have been filled by Jacob Booth and William D. Morse. We again invite our citizens to join with the Superintendent and contribute to make the Cemetery beautiful and attractive. Every dollar paid for lots and perpetual care goes to increase the Cemetery Fund now invested in-

Southbridge Savings Bank,	\$1,600	00
Worcester County Institution of Savings.	1,000	00
Salem Savings Bank,	1,000	00
Ware Savings Bank,	1,000	00
Dedham Institution of Savings,	1,000	00
People's Savings Bank, Worcester.	1,000	00

Worcester Five Cent Savings Bank,	\$890	00		
Amherst Savings Bank,	940	00		
Mechanics Savings Bank, Worcester,	169	25		
-			\$8,599	25

The interest of the fund can be used only for Cemetery improvements. We recommend an appropriation for the ensuing year of \$2,500.

C. A. PAIGE,
A. W. OLDS,
T. JEROME HARRINGTON,
JACOB BOOTH,
W. D. MORSE,

Cemetery Committee.

Superintendent's Report.

TO THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

Gentlemen: The past year has been a very important one for the Cemetery, in the amount of improvements made. The Town has been in the habit of voting money to keep it clean, grass cut, avenues and lots in order, and what little was left would be used for permanent improvements. Last year the Town very generously voted an additional sum of fifteen hundred dollars, which was used to do work which could never have been done by piecemeal. High, unsightly places have been cut down, and low places filled, at the same time opening up a fine view to the lower part of the Cemetery, making what was poorly adapted for burial purposes some of the finest lots in the yard. In making this improvement, thousands of loads of sand, gravel and rocks were removed, which were used in building new roads; 2,797 feet were thus

built, which required an average fill of about two feet. If the Town had not voted this extra sum, we should have been obliged to use the land as it was for burial purposes, after which it would forever have remained an unsightly part of the yard, for it is impossible to change the grade of lots after they are occupied, and the road mentioned above would have remained unbuilt for lack of material. We worked as long as the money lasted. The work was thoroughly done as far as we went and much remains to be done. If the Town should think best to continue the same policy and vote as much money as last year, it would complete all the large improvements and put the yard twenty years ahead, after which a small appropriation may be required for a few years: then it is hoped the income from the permanent fund will be sufficient to keep the yard in order.

The ideas and plans laid out when your Superintendent was first appointed, have been continued, avenues kept in order, grass mowed, monuments cleaned and reset, old lots newly graded, fertilizers freely used, trees and shrubs set out; the flower beds were the finest we ever had and were much admired. We put in 611 feet of paved gutters with a large culvert sufficient to take all the water, which will prevent much washing and damage to the avenues.

The large pine trees, also the rocks in the lower part of the yard, have all been preserved as much as possible; the trees have been trimmed, brush cut, grounds graded, seats placed in convenient places, making it a beautiful grove where persons when visiting the Cemetery can have a cool and pleasant place to rest.

The pine grove on the hill on the easterly side of the brook has been thoroughly cleaned, trees trimmed and dead ones removed, which adds much to the appearance of the yard.

Work for this year contemplates finishing the work commenced last summer—the building of a lake on the easterly side of Cemetery where the brook runs, building about 900 feet of new road, which will complete all there is laid out on plan, removing material near the Coombs street entrance, and grading the lot adjoining.

It is estimated that the same amount as raised last year, \$2,500, would accomplish all the above work.

It has been gratifying to notice the increasing interest shown by our citizens and their desire to see the work carried to its completion.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL WILLIAMS, Superintendent.

Cemetery Fund.

RECEIPTS.

By balance, March 1, 1896,			\$7,994	25
Received since for sale and perpetual care				
of lots—				
Samuel Hager, lot,	\$25	00		
Frank C. Penniman, lot,	40	00		
Arthur E. Dillaber, half lot,	25	00		
Jude T. McKinstry, lot,	40	00		
Esten & Litchfield, lot,	75	00		
For Perpetual care—				
C. A. Dresser,	50	00		
Mrs. Sarah J. Carpenter, S. P. Irwin, lot,	50	00		
Mrs. E. T. Lovejoy,	50	00		
Alpha M. Cheney,	. 50	00		
Estate Joel Cheney,	50	00		
Estate Mrs. Wm. E. Alden,	50	00		
Marrilla J. Richards,	50	00		
F. W. Townsend,	50	00		
			\$605	00
		_	\$8,599	25

Gain for the year, \$605.

\$7 64

Cemetery Improvements.

RECEIPTS.

By balance, March 1, 1896.

by balance, March 1, 1090,			Φ1	04
Appropriation,			1,000	00
Interest on Cemetery Fund,			339	34
N. E. Putney, lawn mower,			4	00
For work grading lots—				
Esten & Litchfield,	\$24	00		
Mrs. Almira Ammidown,	24	00		
C. H. Pellett,	24	00		
Mrs. H. B. Dresser,	24	00		
Mrs. Lament Upham,	24	00		
Mrs. William E. Alden,	24	00		
F. C. Penniman,	10	00		
George L. Clemence,		00		
Grass sold,	10	00		
1			\$172	00
			*	
			\$1 ,522	98
EXPENDITURES.				
Paid Samuel Williams, Superintendent,				
for men, teams, tools, supplies, etc.,				
with 33 itemized bills, approved by				
the Committee and Auditors, \$1	,330	36		

150 00

\$1,480 36

\$42 62

Paid Samuel Williams, salary as Super-

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,

intendent,

Special Cemetery Appropriation.

RECEIPTS.

Special appropriation,

\$1,500 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid John A. Whittaker, surveying, \$5 00 Paid Samuel Williams, for self, men, teams, etc., with 13 itemized bills approved by the Committee and Auditors, 1,495 00

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Office of School Committee, Southbridge, March 10, 1897.

The Chairman and Superintendent presented the annual reports for the school year ending February 27, 1897.

Voted to accept the reports and adopt them as the report of the Committee.

J. T. CLARKE, Secretary.

School Officials and Teachers.

School Committee for 1896-97.

REV. S. HAYWARD,
REV. J. B. DRENNAN,
GEORGE M. LOVELL,
A. J. BARTHOLOMEW,
HENRY WHITTAKER,
F. X. TETRAULT,

Term expires 1897

Term expires 1897

Term expires 1898

Term expires 1898

Term expires 1899

Term expires 1899

Officers of School Board.

REV. SILVANUS HAYWARD, Chairman. GEORGE M. LOVELL, Secretary.

Regular monthly meeting first Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

J. T. CLARKE, Superintendent of Schools and Clerk of the Board. Office, Town Hall.

Office Hours: School days, 4 to 5 p. m.; 7 to 7.30 Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings.

Names of Teachers, March, 1897.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Fred E. Corbin, Principal. Sarah L. O'Toole and Ransom P. Nichols, Assistants.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Elizabeth G. Dinan, Mary Belle Sherman, Alice Holmes, Isabella P. Taylor.

INTERMEDIATE.

Louise O. Twombly, Mary E. Meagher, Jane Farquhar, Mary E. Clemence, Mabel T. Hardy.

PRIMARY.

Mabel J. Newell, A. Rebecca Rowley, Mrs. S. M. Knight, Agnes M. Meagher, Mary A. Ellis, Mary E. McCabe, Martha Cutting, Alice B. Aldrich, Margaret G. Butler, Carolyn H. Parker, Mabel E. Raftery.

UNGRADED.

Ida M. Plimpton, Clara P. Chase, Mary L. Boardman, Margaret L. O'Hara.

Special Teacher of Drawing, Anna F. Eager.

Special Teacher of Music, Mrs. H. N. Carpenter.

Report of School Committee.

TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTHBRIDGE:

Almost nothing new can be said in reference to the school interests of the town. Committees come and Committees go, but the same old difficulties still stare us in the face, that for twenty years have disturbed our peace.

Fifteen years since, the Committee of that time reported that 500 children had been taken out of the public schools, "four of which were closed for lack of scholars, and in others the ranks were decimated." Probably few of the citizens realize or stop to cousider that from that time we have, as a town, had to provide rooms, books, and teachers for only a little more than one-half the children required by law to attend school. When private citizens have relieved us of the care of nearly half our pupils, there can be no ground for pleading poverty and high taxes, and it is only reasonable that we should furnish better rooms and higher opportunities for those who remain, by using for their benefit a good part, at least, of what we should have been obliged to spend for the others.

When year after year the business agent of some manufacturing company reports increasing orders, with insufficient machinery, crowded rooms rendering efficient work impossible, much work unfinished and what is done imperfect, and has continually urged the company to provide the needed facilities, and that to no avail, although they own land and power enough to accomplish all that the business demands, he will be convinced that his annual reports are to them but an empty form. He will, however, be assured that they cannot justly hold him in any degree responsible for poor work, and diminishing dividends.

The town has been kept informed of the needs of the That these needs are not met, that results are far from satisfactory to those who know what true education means, is at present wholly the responsibility of the citizens themselves. Committees and teachers are powerless, when the earnest cooperation, and ready response of the parents fails. They are entirely helpless in the present state of affairs. The whole remedy is in your hands. You own a lot in every respect unsurpassed, if not unequalled, for the location of a building that would be an honor to the town, and a blessing to generations of children. No valid objection has been presented, or can be given, why the town should not at once set about erecting on this lot such a building as was unanimously recommended by the special committee of representative men whom you appointed to investigate the matter. The conclusions of this committee were deliberate, clear, and decisive. Whatever change in the condition has since occurred, only serves to make the demand for immediate action more urgent, and the wisdom of their recommendation more manifest. Once more we plead with you in the name of your children, the best gift and the highest responsibility that this life can bring, no longer to delay this step, more important than any other that has come, or can come to your consideration as an incorporated town.

We ask every parent to read carefully the valuable report of our faithful co-laborer, the Superintendent of Schools. His report together with the financial statement herewith presented will inform you to some extent how, for the year now closing, we have administered the important trust you committed to our hands.

Financial Statement.

High School.

Balance from last year,	\$4 53	29	
Appropriation,	3,100	00	
Tuition from other towns,	222	97	

\$3,776 26

Common Schools.

Balance from last year,	\$585	86		
Appropriation,	11,375	00		
Tuition from other towns,	9	00		
			11,969	86

Contingent Schools.

Balance from last year,	\$25	22		
Appropriation,	2,650	00		
Books, supplies, etc., sold,	8	30		
			2,683	52

Apparatus.

Balance from last year,	\$6	45
Appropriations,	200	00

Evening Schools.

The committee have expended:

High School.

Salaries of teachers, \$2,581 00

Janitor and fuel, 500 00

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Common Schools

Salaries of Superintendent and teachers,	\$10,344	85		
Care of buildings,	756			
Fuel,	682	42		
Tuitions,	135	00		
Transportation,	17	00		
			11,935	57

Contingent Schools.

For books,	\$991.50
For supplies,	631 53
For repairs,	746 03
For incidentals,	703 81
	2,678 67

Apparatus.

For apparatus and books of reference,

163 54

Evening Schools.

Teachers,	\$448	00		
Care of rooms,	58	80		
Fuel and lights,	28	66		
Books and supplies,	31	10		
Incidentals,	43	45		
Rent,	35	00		
-			\$645	01
Total expenditures,			\$18,503	79
Balance in hands of treasurer,			787	
Books and supplies on hand, not distributed,	,		683	50

Appropriations for Next Year.

High School

righ School—		
Teachers,	\$2 400 00	
Janitor and fuel,	500 00	
		2,900 00
Common Schools—		
Teachers and Superintendent,	\$11,575 00	
Janitors,	775 00	
Fuel,	700 00	
Tuitions,	150 00	
		13,200 00
Contingent Schools—		
Books,	\$600 00	
Supplies,	650 00	
Repairs,	700 00	

Incidentals,	\$750 00
Apparatus, Evening schools,	\$2,700 00 200 00 650 00
	\$19,650 00

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee,

SILVANUS HAYWARD, Chairman.

Southbridge, March 10, 1897.

Superintendent's Report.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF SOUTHBRIDGE:

Gentlemen: The annual report for the year 1896-7 is herewith respectfully presented. This is the twelfth of the series of annual reports from this office and the eleventh of the present Superintendent, and contains the usual statistics and information pertaining to the conduct of the schools. At the last meeting of the New England Association of Superintendents, steps were taken to secure uniformity in the statistics throughout the cities and towns, and the recommendations of that association may, in future reports, call for information other than that usually given.

Statistics for the Year 1896-7.

Population of the Town, State census, 1895,	8,250
Valuation of the Town for 1896,	\$3,562,560
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age,	1,651
Number enrolled in public schools during the year,	1,242
Number under 5 years of age,	· 21
Number over 15 years of age,	107
Number between 5 and 15,	1,114
Number between 8 and 14,	610
Average number belonging,	861.36
Average daily attendance,	803.24
Per cent, of attendance.	93.25

Per cent. of attendance,

Cost Per Pupil.

Current expenses, including teaching, fuel and care	
of buildings,	\$15,016.57
Cost per pupil, based on total enrollment,	12.09
Cost per pupil, based on average enrollment,	17.43
Total expenditures, less permanent repairs,	18,175.49
Cost per pupil based on whole number,	14.64
Cost per pupil based on average enrollment,	21.10
Cost per pupil in High school,	30.19
Through the courtesy of the instructors we are a	ble to give
the following statistics of the parochial schools:	
Number enrolled at the Notre Dame Parochial school,	696
Average number belonging,	590
Average attendance,	546
Per cent. of attendance,	92.54
Total enrollment at St. Mary's Parochial school,	152
Average number belonging,	140
Average attendance,	135

96.43

Attendance by Schools.

schools.	Whole Number Enrolled.	Average Number Belonging.	Average attend- ance.	Per cent, of at- tendance.	Per cent, of Tardiness of each Pu.	Number of Weeks and Days of School.
High School,	102	77.28	75.38	97.30	3.56	38-3
Higher Grammar-Main street,	36	27.78	26.29	94.50	5.41	36-4
School street.	28	21.97	21.36	97.26	.71	36-4
Lower Grammar—Main street,	63	45.48	42.44	93.30	4.09	36-4
School street,	42	30.36	26.54	87.41	.66	36-4
Intermediate—Main street,	66	42.92	38.93	89.68	1.45	36-4
Union street.	49	35.06	33.91	96.72	.81	37-0
Union street, -	27	24.71	23.47	94.98	3.70	36-4
River street.	49	26.75	25.67	95.96	.85	36-4
Town Hall,	35	26.99	25.18	93.30	1.20	36-2
Higher Primary—Elm street,	57	45.39	41.88	92.27	3.33	36-3
School street.	52	40.17	37.98	94.54	2.15	36-4
Carpenter,	59	34.12	31.47	92.23	2.51	36-4
Lower Primary—Main street, -	67	44.63	40.83	91.48	3.32	36-4
Town Hall,	40	35.29	32.50	92.10	1.07	36-1
Elm street, -	52	33.20	30.92	93.13	1.51	36-4
School street,	83	56.78	53.09	93.5	1.63	37-0
River street, -	63	41.28	39.13	94.81	1.11	37-0
River street,	37	27.28	24.72	90.62	3.43	37-0
Carpenter, -	84	47.39	44.54	93.99	1.29	37-0
Mixed Primary-Ammidown,	53	36.20	33.00	91.13	4.81	36-4
Sumner, -	56	27.47	23.99	87.33	.43	37-0
Ungraded-Bacon,	21	15.01	13.09	87.20	.09	36-3
Hooker,	21	17.85	16.93	94.84	2.19	36-4
	1242	861.36	803.24	93.25	2.23	36-4

Attendance Roll of Honor.

List of pupils reported as perfect in attendance, neither absent nor tardy during the year. Others have always been in their places except when detained by sickness.

Alice Sanders. Lillian Macnie. Eva Ferron. Annie Vincellette, Ernest Herron, Louise Buchard. Arthur LaCroix, Francis Morrissev. Lizzie Kellev. Maude Phipps, Clara Thibault. Robert Cooney. Philip Tetrault, Willie Flood. Florence Vinton. George Dmas. Bretna M. Morse. Joseph Flood, Herman B. Morse, Katherine Flood.

Perfect attendance two terms:

Frank Chipman,	Lora Gelena,	Flora Darling,
Harry Rose,	Helen Shepard,	Kittie Eccleston,
Herbert Ellam,	Laura Gatineau,	Lienne Tetrault,
Charles Wood,	Eva Loiseau,	Ralf Freeman,
Ethel Seavey,	Ernest Simmons,	Peter Perry,
Etta V. Herber,	Elzear Larochelle,	Moses Monette,
Nellie Thompson,	Bertha M. Lavoie,	Arthur O. Boyer,
Frank Smith,	Peter Hetu,	Marion K. McVey.

95 others have been perfect in attendance one term.

The annual enrollment in May of the school children of the town between 5 and 15 years, returned 1651 names, which is 27 less than in May 1895. The May enrollment, as indicated by the following table, shows a less number each year, for the last four years of children of school age in town. The total number enrolled in the schools in the four years previous to this year has varied considerably, the number in the last two years being less than in the two previous years, while during the past year there have been 117 more enrolled than during the year 1895–6. The average number belonging shows nearly the same increase.

	May Enroll- ment.	Total Enrollment in the Schools.	Average number belonging.	Per cent. of attendance.
1892–3,	1701	1144	738.94	92.84
1893–4,	1783	1187	745.35	93.2 4
1894–5,	1731	$\frac{1115}{1125}$	777.48	93.66
1895–6.	1678		752.40	94.21
1896-7,	1651	1242	861.36	93.25

The financial statement shows a small balance to the credit of each account, notwithstanding the unusual drafts upon the contingent account and that of common schools to meet the expense of opening two additional schools.

There has been received for tuitions of pupils from other towns the sum of \$231.97, and \$135 has been paid for tuition. The total expenses of the year are \$843.59 more than for the year preceding.

Evening Schools.

The Evening Schools were opened on the second Monday in September and continued 14 weeks, each of the four schools having 41 or 42 sessions. The order of the schools was excellent, and nearly all in attendance showed interest in the work, and a desire to make good use of the opportunities afforded. In the early part of the term, a few lost so much time that they were required to make up time by attending extra nights at one of the other schools. This number was less than in previous years. In very few instances has it been necessary to notify employers of unsatisfactory attendance.

The difference between the total enrollment and the average number belonging is due largely to members leaving town

before the end of the term, and to the admission of others who were not in town at the opening of the school. Five members attended every evening, eleven every evening but one; nineteen were absent two nights; eighteen were present all but three nights, and ten all but four nights. One-half of the average number belonging lost not more than five sessions. Only one pupil was sent out for unsatisfactory conduct. At the close of the term, to all whose attendance entitled them to it, a certificate was given reading as follows:

SOUTHBRIDGE EVENING SCHOOLS.

J. T. CLARKE, Sup't of Schools.

Number of schools.	4
Number of teachers employed,	7
Number of pupils enrolled, boys 121, girls 73,	194
Number who attended 70 per cent. of the sessions,	
boys 92, girls 61,	153
Average number belonging,	162.17
Average attendance,	146.4
Per cent. of attendance,	90.28
Total cost of schools for the season,	\$645 01
Cost per pupil,	\$3.32

Repairs.

A considerable part of the expenditure for repairs last summer was for work not expected and consequently not provided for in the call for appropriations. The raising of the sidewalk in front of Elm street school house necessitated filling in and regrading the lot. The cost of this was \$62.60. Relaying the falling wall in front of the Main street school house and rebuilding the fence cost \$135.95. For putting in order two rooms for the opening of additional schools, an expense of about \$85 was incurred, not including some new furniture.

For the work contemplated by the Committee on Repairs, \$174.47 was expended at the Main street building for kalsomining, and in repairs of desks. For new furniture for the Elm street Higher Primary \$151.90, and for the school room at Union street \$52.55.

On account of these heavy drafts upon the contingent account, the re-shingling of the School street building was deferred until another year,

During the coming year, besides shingling the School street building, the Hooker school house ought to be repaired and provided with suitable means of heating and ventilation and separate outside closets. This school is larger than it has been for many years, and the number of pupils is likely to increase. A small outlay will greatly improve the conditions at this building.

The Union street building—if it is to be continued in use—should receive extensive repairs. This building was emphatically condemned by the Committee appointed by the town in 1892, and it is hoped that provision will be made whereby the schools in this building can be transferred to more commodious and healthful rooms.

The Schools.

At the opening of the schools in September the crowded condition of several of the rooms called for unusual changes. The two Higher Grammar classes had a less number of pupils

than usual, while in the Lower Grammar rooms the number exceeded the seating capacity. Relief was given to the School street school by transferring the few pupils of the tenth grade to the corresponding grade at Main street and moving the first class of the Lower Grammar to the Higher Grammar room. At Main street the Lower Grammar room was given an assistant.

The Intermediate schools at Main and Union streets were both altogether too large and an overflow school of about 30 pupils was opened in the west room at Union street, taking all the pupils from the Main street room who could be transferred without too great hardship on account of distance, and also a number from the Union street Intermediate. The Primary school at River street was found to have over 70 children, making it necessary to engage another teacher and open a school of 30 pupils in one of the upper rooms.

The Primary schools at School street, Carpenter and Main street have each had from 50 to 69 pupils and have been provided with assistants. These helpers give considerable relief to the teachers by looking after the children at their desks, directing them in their work and looking over the papers and slates; but with two at work in one room there is necessarily more or less confusion, and any near approach to the ideal school can not be realized under such conditions.

The school house at the Dennison district remains closed and tuition is paid for the children at the school in Sturbridge.

The only school room in either village now unoccupied by a day school is at River street, the room where the evening schools hold their sessions.

Few changes have taken place during the year in our corps of teachers. At the close of the Summer term Miss Hadley of the Main street Higher Grammar resigned to accept a more desirable position near Boston, and Miss Elizabeth G. Diman was appointed to this school. The health of Miss Aldrich not

permitting her to resume teaching, Miss Carolyn H. Parker was appointed to take charge of the Elm street Higher Primary.

Early in the year Miss Sherman was transferred to the Main street Lower Grammar school and Miss Clara P. Chase was elected teacher of the Ammidown school. Miss Benham, the supervisor of drawing, accepted a position elsewhere in June, and Miss Anna F. Eager was secured to take charge of that department.

With these exceptions and the employing of teachers for the two overflow schools, the teaching force has remained unchanged.

Notwithstanding the—in some respects—unfavorable conditions, the general work of the year has been conducted with a good degree of success, and in most of the schools a highly commendable progress has been made.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE, under the direction of Secretary Hill and Agent Edson of the State Board of Education, held in our High School rooms, commencing on the evening of October 19 and continuing through the next day, was admirably conducted and an occasion of special interest to all in attendance. The exercises were very helpful and instructive and led to good results in the class rooms of our teachers.

THE EXHIBIT of school work made near the close of the Summer term showed much excellent work. It comprised mechanical and freehand drawing, charcoal and ink sketches, penmanship, illustrations of form study in clay, paper and sticks, mat-weaving, models, nature study, and language work. One afternoon was devoted to the children. An orchestra furnished pleasing music, and the occasion was highly enjoyed by the little folks. The exhibit was creditable to pupils and teachers, and many were the expressions of hearty commendation from the large number of visitors from our own and neighboring towns.

Attention is called to the following reports from the principal of the High School and the supervisor of drawing:

Report of the High School.

MR. J. T. CLARKE, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir: I have the honor of presenting to you a report of the High School for the year 1896-7.

There have been 102 pupils enrolled during the past year. Of this number 42 are boys and 60 girls; an evident reason why we graduate so many more girls than boys.

The enrollment is a gain of 15 per cent. over last year and a gain of 67 per cent. compared with 1887. As there are but 94 desks in the High School, I believe it will be necessary for the Committee to make some arrangement for extra seating room in September.

Regularity of attendance is about the same as last year; the per cent. of attendance has dropped from 97.40 to 97.30, while "times late" has decreased from 3.64 to 3.56.

Commissioner Harris, in his last report, says that the cardinal virtues of school work are "punctuality, regularity, silence and industry." In the higher grades of school work the parents are, I think, primarily responsible for the first two points, and it is difficult to instil habits of industry in pupils who habitually fail in punctuality and whose school work is made of secondary importance. The entering class is always poorest in attendance, possibly because their home work has not been adjusted to meet the requirements of a session beginning at 8.30 rather than 9 o'clock.

One of the difficulties that annually presents itself is a spirit of lawlessness, a seeming desire to wantonly destroy property and a total disregard of the rights of others, always conspicuous in some members of an entering class, and the lawlessness of one or two members of a class who are never trustworthy unless under the eye of the teacher, brings discredit on the many.

While school discipline consists of training in honor and uprightness as well as in book instruction, yet time devoted to pupils whose only object is to see to what extent lawlessness can be carried seems to be time wholly wasted.

The last graduating class presented the school with a few volumes of standard literature, which gift, I trust, is the corner stone for a continued growth.

Additions, as heretofore, have been made to the mineralogical cabinet, the most valuable being specimens of fossil coal plants given by Mr. C. V. Shumway.

Our graduating class this year numbers five, the smallest for some years. This class is also the smallest of any entering during my principalship, only 14 from the town schools having been connected with it. Of this number four have removed from town, four are at work, one at school out of town, one disabled by accident, and four graduate.

The state report for 1893-4, page 252, states that "as an average for the state, only one-third of those who enter the High School graduate, and the fraction is often only one-fourth or one-fifth." While we now attain the state average, I believe the coming classes will show a higher per cent. of graduates.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. CORBIN.

Report of the Supervisor of Drawing.

In beginning my work in Southbridge I was much pleased to find that the importance of drawing, as a factor in education, was understood and appreciated. The teachers, as well as the pupils, have shown much interest in the work, and the school board has been especially kind in generously furnishing materials. There is much difference in ability among the pupils, some surprising me by their unusual aptness and others showing much lack in the power of observation. It has been my aim to teach the pupil to observe and express form, to appreciate the harmony in the exactness of the type solids, and the beauty in all their nature work. Nature is especially near to the children. Life attracts life, whether it is movement, color or light. What is the end of all our school-room work along these lines if it is not a harmonious development of the whole child which shall stimulate appreciation and arouse the higher instincts? Where, except in nature, may we find material so well adapted to accomplish this end?

The work of the school year is divided practically into three parts—the first-third being devoted to model and object drawing, the second to study of the facts of form and to the making of practical working-drawings, and the latter part of the year is to be devoted to nature work and design.

Much interest has been shown in the model and object drawing. During the fall the drawing of fruit and vegetables, and the study of dried grasses and sedges, taken up at the same time with the regular teacher's nature work, formed an interesting feature. The study of the type solids in the primary schools awakens the child to the observing of form in nature, and he recognizes the sphere in the apple, berry and ball, the cube in the loaf sugar, and the cylinder in the trunks of trees, pencils, etc. Neatness, care and accuracy, besides taste in color and arrangement is taught by the making of simple designs.

The work in light and shade in the High School, has been taken up with much interest, and the new drawing kits for the mechanical work, have been a valuable aid.

Thanking the Superintendent and teachers for their hearty co-operation,

Sincerely,

ANNA F. EAGER.

Truant Officers.

The Truant Officers have attended to their duties, responding to the calls of teachers to look after absentees, visiting the homes of delinquents and returning boys to their places in school. The excuses generally assigned for absence are illness or no shoes.

They report:

Number of visits to schools.	66
Number of calls upon parents,	71
Boys taken to school,	13
Number taken before the court.	4
Number sent to Truant School.	2

MONROE REYNOLDS. JAMES BROWN,

Truant Officers.

New Building.

It would seem hardly necessary, after what has been already said in regard to the conditions under which our schools are now conducted, to present argument for additional school-room accommodations. For several years the School Committee have shown the need of a new building, so located as to accommodate the higher classes of the two villages. Each year the demand has been growing more urgent and now must be apparent to all who are familiar with the present conditions.

In 1892 the town appointed a Committee of representative citizens to take under consideration the whole subject of the school accommodations of the town. This committee, acting with the School Committee, made a thorough examination of all

the school buildings in the two villages, visiting all the schoolrooms during the sessions of the schools, and inspecting every part of the school premises. Their report was exhaustive, and their recommendations cover the needs of to-day, emphasized by the growth of the four intervening years.

The following extracts from the report of this Committee will serve to refresh our minds with the view taken at that time:—

"The inspection of the committee was thorough and their conclusions unanimous that the full committee ought to report the pressing need of a new school building of at least six rooms, the same to be centrally located, in order that, should it be so desired, all the grammar pupils could be brought under one head. Your committee, in order to make some estimate upon future growth of the requirement for school accommodations, have taken into consideration the attendance of the private schools, as well as the legislation that is likely to be enacted, increasing the school age of children, and while in this report scarcely more than a summary of conclusions can be recorded, there is sufficient data obtainable to warrant the committee to report as above.

We believe the growth and prosperity of our town warrants the committee in recommending a commodious and modern building that shall be a credit to our town, a benefit to our children and the basis for the permanent improvement of our public school buildings.

This whole subject is not a novel one to the minds and thoughts of the friends of the public schools here—it is to them historic. For more than 15 years it has been discussed and pressed upon the attention of the voters, always to be neglected by a temporizing policy, that has thus far been more instrumental in augmenting the present difficulties, than in bringing about a sagacious provision for the constantly increasing demands of the school children of the town for suitable conven

iences for their instruction. There is no prudence or economy in pursuing such a course longer. Brought face to face with a pressing emergency, it is the part of wisdom to accept the situation at the earliest day possible and begin to build for the present and the future, looking upon any other provision for dealing with our obvious necessities as a wasteful expenditure of money, besides being a serious blow at the best interests of the schools. Such a policy appeals to the pride of all parents, as well as to their thoughtful consideration of the educational interests of their children.

If the question be asked why such a school building should be provided and our reasons for suggesting the wisdom and economy of it, we answer: 1. Because better methods of heating, ventilating and general sanitary conditions can be permanently secured. 2. Better, pleasanter and more attractive school rooms. 3. Economy in care and heating. 4. Better discipline and management of schools; better conveniences for instruction; more uniformity of methods, and of the qualifications of pupils of the several grades and among a larger number; and because it will stop the further pursuit of a policy of erecting, here and there, as emergency arises, cheap and undesirable school buildings for the future to condemn."

In the Town Hall there are two schools in rooms not designed for school rooms and ill suited for the purpose, the one in the Board of Trade room, (of which the Committee of '92 remarked, "This school should not be maintained [here] a single day more than is necessary"), the other in the room over the Superintendent's office, and less suited for a school than the other. This rooom can not be comfortably warmed in zero weather, even with an extra fire in the fire-place. These schools are subject to frequent interruption when the hall is used, and sometimes—as on days of town meetings—have to be dismissed.

Ample accommodations for the village schools would open the way to important advances—other than those mentioned above—which have not been practicable under present conditions, of which may be mentioned:

- 1. A more satisfactory classification, having only one year's pupils in each room, making it feasible to arrange classes in half year grades, thereby greatly simplifying the matter of grading and promotions, and saving of time to many pupils.
- 2. It would admit of departmental teaching in the higher grades.
- 3. It would result in closing two or more small buildings which if continued in use must be improved at considerable expense, the pupils being transferred to the Central schools to more favorable conditions, much to their advantage and at a saving of expense to the town.
- 4. Available room would enable the department to establish an ungraded school. There are constantly coming into our schools children who do not fit into any grade. They may be well advanced in some subjects, and deficient in others. These are a hindrance to the class work, and require much extra time of the teachers to adjust them to the regular class work. It would be a great advantage to these children and to the regular classes and teachers to have an ungraded school in each village where such pupils could go and receive special attention in those branches in which they are deficient until such time as they can enter a regular class, with advantage to themselves and without detriment to the class.

I take pleasure in acknowledging the uniform courtesy and helpfulness of the School Committee and the hearty cooperation and earnest devotion of the teachers in your employ,

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. CLARKE, Superintendent.

Graduating Class of 1806.

"VIVERE FACTIS NON ANNIS."

EDNA BELLE CHACE, WINIFRED MAY KINNEY,

ALICE MONTAGUE CLARKE,

JANE SIMPSON,

CHARLES HENRY FALLOWS, JACOB BARTLETT EDWARDS, DUDLEY HARVEY CLARKE, SARAH LOUISE CROSS.

PROGRAMME OF GRADUATING EXERCISES

Music-Overture, "Little Redcap," Orchestra.

PRAYER-Rev. C. H. Walters.

SALUTATORY AND Essay-"The Companionship of Books." Edna Belle Chace.

CHORUS-" Welcome Song,"

The School.

Essay—"Woman's Place in Literature,"

Winifred May Kinney.

ORATION-"The Man for the Crisis,"

Jacob Bartlett Edwards.

(a) "Sweet and Low,"

(b) "Pit Pat." Essay-"Fads,"

Alice Montague Clarke

Music-" Invitation à La Gavotte, E. Waldtenfel Orchestra.

Essay-"Value of Time."

Jane Simpson.

*Oration-" Modern Discoveries."

Charles Henry Fallows.

(a) "Anchored." CHORUS

(b) "Sacred Night.

*Oration-"The Olympic Games,"

Dudley Harvey Clarke.

Essay and Valedictory—" Representative Women of the Present Time," Sarah Louise Cross.

Presentation of Diplomas—By Chairman of School Committee.

Music-Overture, "Hot Stuff," Richard Stahl Orchestra.

BENEDICTION.

*Excused.

Calendar for 1897=8.

HIGH SCHOOL-40 weeks.

- Spring Term, 15 weeks, begins on Wednesday, March 10; ends on Friday, June 25, 1897. Recess beginning April 7, the rest of the week.
- Fall Term, 16 weeks, begins on Tuesday, September 7; ends Friday, December 24.
- Winter Term, 9 weeks, begins on Monday, January 3, 1898; ends Friday, March 4.
- Spring Term, 15 weeks, begins on Monday, March 7; ends Friday, June 24. Vacation one week, ending April 9.

COMMON SCHOOLS-38 weeks.

- Spring Term begins on Wednesday, March 3; ends Wednesday, June 23. Vacation from March 31, to April 10.
- Fall Term, 15 2-5 weeks, begins on Tuesday, September 7; ends Tuesday, December 21.
- Winter Term, 8 weeks, begins on Monday, January 3, 1898; ends Friday, February 25.
- Spring Term, 14 weeks, begins Monday, February 28; ends Friday, June 17. Vacation 2 weeks, ending April 9.

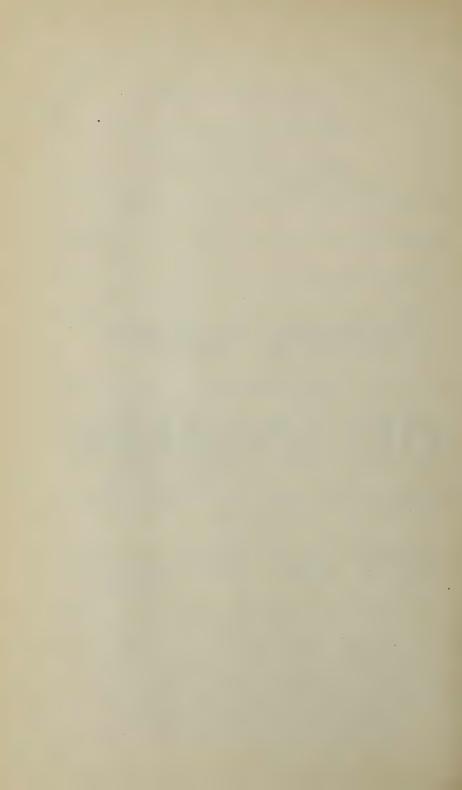
HOLIDAYS.

Every Saturday; Washington's Birthday; Patriots' Day; Memorial Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving and the day following.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FIRE ENGINEERS.



FIRE ENGINEERS.

In compliance with the usual custom relative to the Fire Department, we submit our report for the year ending Feb. 27, 1897.

Accompanying this report is a correct record of the Department with the amount of expenditures, also what recommendations we deem necessary for the best interests of the Department and Town.

Manual Force.

The Manual Force: Board of Engineers, Chief, and four District Chiefs, two steam fire engine companies of fifteen men each, two hand hose companies manned by the two steam fire engine companies, two hook and ladder companies of ten men each, Superintendent of Fire Alarm, and fifteen horses subject to the call of the Department.

Roll Call of Fire Department.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

C. P. Phipps, Chief Engineer.

B. C. Stone, District Chief of Boxes 21, 23, 24.

Patrick Flynn, District Chief of Boxes 25, 26, 28, 32.

George J. Lamoureux, District Chief of Boxes 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, and Private Boxes 31, 71, 72.

C. F. Marble, Clerk and District Chief of Boxes 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39.

Steamer and Hose Company No. 1.

M. L. Dillaber,	-	-	-	-	-		Captain.
H. A. Dresser, -	-	-	-	-]	Lieutenant.
E. D. Chamberlain,			-		1	Clerk and	Treasurer.
George B. Works,	-	-	-	-		-	Engineer.
H. H. Clemence,	-	-	-	-	-	Assistan	t Engineer.
Joseph Bebo, -	-	-	-	-		- " - "	Stoker.
R. E. Moore, -	-	-	-	-	-		Steward.
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HOSEMEN.

E. L. Gay,	L. E. Davis,	George T. Armes,
J. M. Marble,	C. W. Mills,	Otto Carlson,
H. M. Brockway,	J. B. Edwards.	

Substitutes, H. Hill, W. R. Hager and W. H. Boutelle.

Steamer and Hose Company No. 2.

John E. Heffner,	-		~	-			Captain	and S	Steward.
William Walters,		-	-		~	- "		Lieu	itenant.
George Simpson,	-		-	~	-		Clerk a	nd Tr	easurer.
James A. Ryan,	-	-		-	-	-	-	E	ngineer.
Lawrence Flynn,	-		-	-	-		Assist	ant E	ngineer.
John Splaine,	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	Stoker.
Lawrence Flynn,	-	-	-	-	-				ngineer.

HOSEMEN.

George H. Thayer, Stermius Herber, Jos. Rivers,
Luke Reilly, George Burroughs, Charles McClearey,
Timothy Wixted, M. E. Walters, M. P. O'Shaughnessey.
Substitute, Daniel Wright,

Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

Thomas McGrath,		Captain.
Peter Caplette, -		- Lieutenant.
George H. Chaffin,		Clerk and Treasurer.
J. K. Egan,	L. N. Duquette,	N. Gamache,
A. M. Higgins,	Louis Peloquin,	O. Patnaude,
John Coggins.		

Substitutes, Edward Hetu, Frank Favro and Jos. Lucia.

Hook and Ladder Company No. 2.

M. W. Kelley,		-	Captain.
John J. Hogan,			- Lieutenant.
P. H. Fitzpatrick,		-	Clerk and Treasurer.
John Brennan,	Wm. Kennedy,		Thos. P. Cuddihy,
Thos. Brennan,	Michael Breen,		P. F. Cuddihy,
P. F. Delehanty.			

Substitutes, John W. Smythe, Hosea E. Weld and Peter May.

Fires and Alarms.

There were ten alarms, with two general alarms; also three still alarms.

- March 15, 1896, 3.03 a.m. Box 34. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in wood-shed owned by Morton estate. Damage \$200. Insurance \$100. Cause, unknown. Recall 3.12 a.m.
- March 15, 1896, 7.25 p. m. Box 36. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in dwelling owned by Morton estate. Damage \$277. Insurance \$277. Cause, unknown. Recall 7.54 p. m.
- April 5, 1896, 1.49 p. m. Box 24. No. 2 companies responded.
 Fire in dwelling owned by M. Connell. Damage \$150.
 Insurance \$30. Cause, defective flue. Recall 2.19 p. m.
- April 15, 1896, 1.38 p. m. Box 34. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in dwelling owned by S. Dresser. Damage \$400. No insurance. Cause, burning brush. Recall 2.17 p. m.
- April 22, 1896, 9.40 p. m. Box 26. No. 2 companies responded. Fire in barn owned by Wm. Power. Damage \$40. Insurance \$40. Cause, unknown. Recall 9.48 p. m.

- July 28, 1896, 12.42 p. m. Box 26. No. 2 companies responded. Fire in barn and house owned by John Tulley.
 Damage \$250. Insurance \$215. General alarm at 12.48 p. m. No. 1 companies responded. Cause, children with matches. Recall 1.10 p. m.
- Aug. 23, 1896, 6.57 p. m. Box 25. No. 2 companies responded. Fire in dwelling owned by Hamilton Woolen Co. No damage. No insurance. Cause, lamp explosion. Recall 7.03 p. m.
- Sept. 19, 1896, 6.12 p. m. Box 46. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in dwelling owned by S. Donais. No damage. No insurance. Cause, chimney fire. Recall 6.18 p. m.
- July 12, 1897, 8.01 p. m. Box 26. No. 2 companies responded.
 Fire in dwelling owned by John Buchan. Damage \$2,800.
 Insurance \$1,700. General alarm at 8.12 p. m. No. 1
 companies responded. Cause, defective chimney. Recall 10.30 p. m.
- Feb. 19, 1897, 6.20 p. m. Box 43. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in dwelling owned by Southbridge Printing Co. No damage. No insurance. Cause, chimney fire. Recall 6.30 p. m.

Fire Alarm Boxes.

- Box 21. Westville, opp. Shuttle Shop.
 - 23. South St., cor. High St.
 - 24. Haymarket Square.
 - 25. Hamilton St., cor. Oliver St.
 - 26. River St., cor. Pleasant St.
 - 28. Main St., front of Dr. West's.
 - 31. Electric Light Station. (Private.)

Box	32.	Hamilton St., Junct. Crane St.
	34.	Central St., cor. Main St.
	35.	
	36.	Junct. Central and Foster Sts.
	37.	Chapin St., cor. Dresser St.
	38.	Elm St., near Williams St.
	39.	Spring St., cor. Park avenue and Hillside Park.
	41.	Everett St., cor. Park St.
	42.	Mechanics St., in front of J. M. & L. D. Clemence's
		office.
	43.	Sandersdale, opp. Print Works.
	45.	Charlton rd., Junet. Charlton City and Charlton
		Town rds.
	46.	North St., head of Crystal St.
	71.	American Optical Co's Optical Works. (Private.)
	72.	American Optical Co's Lens Factory. (Private.)
First	Alaı	rm, Four rounds of the box.
		larm, Three blows.
		Alarm, Six blows.
		Two blows.
		COMPONE GROWING
		SCHOOL SIGNALS.
		One Blow, No Primary School.
8 A.	M.—	Two Blows, No School.
11.30	0 A. M	M.—One Blow, One Session.
	М	Cilitia Call, Ten Blows

Appropriation and Expenditures.

RECEIPTS.

EXPENDITURES.

HILLS CONTRACTED FROM MARCH 1,	1896,	TO	MAY	1,	1896.
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Account overdrawn March 1	, 1896, \$171	12		
Gas & Electric Co.,	11	80		
Wm. Booth, coal,	18	00		
Water Supply Co.,	13	50		
			\$214	49

BILLS CONTRACTED SINCE MAY 1, 1896.

Wm. Booth, coal,	\$85	41
Worcester Rubber Co., coats and	l	•
boots,	81	32
J. B. Prescott & Son, zines,	14	79
Gas & Electric Co.,	58	03
N. S. Viall, horses,	50	00
L. M. Brousseau, supplies,	7	45
Water Supply Co.,	13	50
D. Chamberlain, labor,	26	22
Kabley Foundry Co., castings,	13	35
C. F. Marble, cartage and supplies,	14	50
Robinson & Dougherty, printing,	35	70
Robt. Wardle, painting,	11	32
Combination Ladder Co., supplies,	13	25
Hamilton Woolen Co., vitriol,	41	36
J. J. Bowlen, horses,	173	00
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	18	17
W. H. Clarke, supplies,	2	71
A. F. Hall, labor and supplies,	11	50
H. F. Knowles, coats and belts,	20	75
C. P. Phipps, supplies,	19	77
Hamilton Woolen Co., horses,	67	90
Geo. L. Winter, stove and supplies,	56	70
Hartford S. B. I. & I. Co., insurance	, 25	00
City of Springfield, jars,	4	80

\$225 00

C. Claffin, labor,	\$11	75		
Geo. B. Works, labor,	10	65		
E. C. Ellis, coal,	31	75		
B. Silk, use of wagon,	12	00		
Geo. S. Stone Co., painting,	129	00		
Washburn, Moen & Co., wire,	3	69		
W. & W. A. Seavey, horses,	68	50		
J. S. Gleason, supplies,	1	74		
J. Ouimette & Son, repairs,	4	00		
Peter Caplette, labor,	1	50		
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber	Co.,			
hose,	66	00		
Cole Bros., air chamber,	95	25		
		\$1,301 43		
Total expenditures,			\$1,515	85
Account overdrawn March	1, 1897,		\$115	85

Special Appropriation for Fire Alarm Boxes.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,

EXPENDITURES		
Boxes,	\$156 25	
Wire,	15 75	
Connecting boxes and poles,	47 25	
		\$219 25
Balance to credit of account March	h 1, 1897,	\$5 75

Special Appropriation for Hose Reels and Hose.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,				0
EXPENDITURES.				
600 feet of hose, C. L. Co.,	\$270	00		
Boston Woven H. & R. Co., hose,	174	50		
Expenses,	57	92		
Hose reels with nozzles, less freight and	A.			
splicing rope,	295	59		
-			\$798 0	1
				-
Balance to credit of account March 1,	1897,		\$1 9	9

Salaried Account.

RECEIPTS.

By appropriation,		\$1,910 00
EXPENDITURI	ES.	
Board of Engineers, Chief (\$100) fou	r	
assistants,	\$25 00 each	, \$200 00
Two engineers for steamers,	100 00 each	, 200 00
Two assistant engineers for steamers,	50 00 each	, 100 00
Two stokers,	50 00 each	, 100 00
Two stewards,	75 00 each	, 150 00
Four captains,	35 00 each	, 140 00
Four lieutenants,	30 00 each	, 120 00
Thirty-six hose and ladder men,	25 00 each	, 900 00

\$1,910 00

Schedule of Apparatus.

The apparatus in service consists of two steam fire engines, two horse hose carriages, two hand hose carriages, two hook and ladder trucks, one supply wagon, one portable fire escape, one life net canvas, one Siamese coupling with discharge pipe, two Perfection nozzle holders, two new Waldron nozzles and two Common Sense nozzles, 1,900 feet of leather hose, 1,850 feet rubber-lined hose.

Electrician's Report.

I am glad to state that since my last report, box No. 46 has been placed on North street, box No. 41 on Everett street, and box No. 35 on Hamilton street, corner Hook street. These boxes were much needed, as the territory they now cover was some distance from the other boxes.

Two private boxes, No. 71 in the American Optical Co's works, and No. 72 in the lens factory, have been added to the circuit, giving the company a direct connection with the fire alarm system, which will save considerable valuable time in sending an alarm if the same should be necessary.

The sub-circuit has been changed over, and the wires now run on the poles of the Southbridge Gas and Electric Co. and N. E. Telegraph and Telephone Co. for the greater part of the way, doing away with the long spans over house tops and private property.

The wires from Sandersdale depot to Lensdale have been changed on account of the widening of the street, but the most important change has been the addition of a two-circuit repeater and the changing of the wires and cells for the same.

Now we have two circuits instead of one, and in case of a break on either circuit the other is automatically closed, leaving

one circuit in working order and not interrupting the working of the whole system as formerly.

The repeater will facilitate the finding of trouble, as it will show whether it is on the Town or Globe circuit.

The Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Co. has truly said: "The battery is the life blood of the system," but as there are batteries and batteries, it is for the best interests of the Town to get the most economical and trustworthy apparatus.

Most of the towns and cities are changing from the gravity battery to the more modern and better methods of supplying current, and as the storage battery shows a saving of nearly 50 per cent. per year in supplies, and is now more reliable than the ordinary battery, I would recommend it to you as one of the things most needed in this Department.

I would also call your attention to the need of an indicator in each of the engine houses. The instruments show in large block figures the number of the box, and as you know, when an alarm of fire is received, there is more or less hurry and excitement, and with the indicators the necessity of counting the blows is obviated. Those at the Globe will appreciate this fact, for during the summer season there is no steam for the whistle from Saturday afternoon to Monday morning.

During the year there have been ten alarms of fire, three of which were unnecessary.

Allan A. Nichols has been my assistant this year, and has done his work conscientiously and well.

Received during the year: 2 barrels sulphate of copper, 50 zincs, 50 coppers, half a mile iron wire, 25 jars.

On hand March 1, 1897: 9 coppers, 7 zincs, two-thirds of a barrel of sulphate of copper, 200 pounds copper chips, 150 pounds zincs, 15 jars, 20 porcelain saucers.

Respectfully submitted.

ANDREW F. HALL,

Supt. Fire Alarm Telegraph.

Southbridge, March 1, 1897.

Water Supply.

We feel it our duty to again bring before the citizens of the Town the subject of water on Plimpton and Pleasant streets. We have had in that part of the town two fires during the last year and all the source of water being McKinstry brook, which took both steamer companies to get one stream of water on the fires, which if there had been hydrants in that locality would have caused little or no damage, as both buildings would have been saved, thereby saving a loss of \$3,500 or more. It would also be the same on the Charlton road. If a fire should occur it would take all of the hose that the whole department carries, to reach the fire, which is not practical.

We appreciate the new hydrant placed on the corner of Union and Cross streets this last year.

General Remarks.

During the year we have added two hand hose carriages which were procured from the Combination Ladder Co., at an expense of \$270. In regard to hose reels, we found we could not procure anything suitable for Fire Department service without having them built, as the builders handle nothing but cheap reels for mills.

Both steamers have been furnished with new suctions with two additional suctions for hydrant use, and as the Department has a number of shut-off nozzles the present Board deems it necessary that during the coming year two relief valves will necessarily have to be procured for the two steamers.

The supply wagon has been repaired and repainted, also the two hook and ladder trucks have been touched up and revarnished, and the coming year, the rest of the apparatus will need revarnishing. The Board recommends the building of a new engine house in some central location suitable for the accommodation of all the apparatus used by No. 1 companies, as at present the engine house on Central street is in a very dilapidated condition and in fact dangerous. Let any voter go and examine the building and be convinced of its present unsafe condition. The hook and ladder truck and supply wagon are kept in a barn on Goddard court, where there is no water and no accommodations for keeping the same in good order.

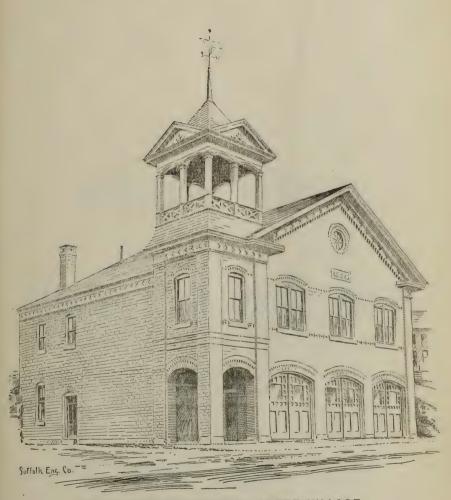
After the five boxes had been added to the fire alarm circuit last fall, we found that it was impossible to keep the current for the circuit as high as it should be, and after considerable correspondence with the Gamewell Fire Alarm Co., and others, we thought it advisable to add a few more cells, and a two-circuit repeater. This repeater we obtained from the Gamewell Co., with the understanding that if at any future time we wished to increase the number of circuits they would give us credit for the amount we are to pay less cost of setting it up.

This instrument cost us, set up, \$258. This amount has been added to our regular appropriation. We would recommend that the appropriation for the coming year be \$1,850.

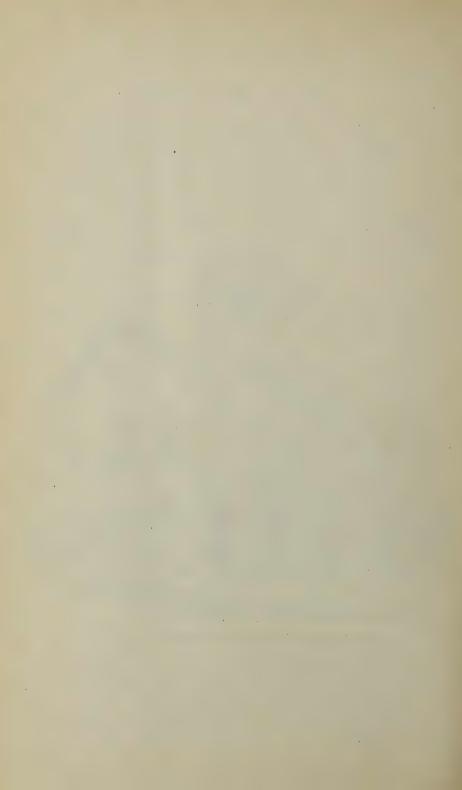
In conclusion we would thank the Board of Engineers for their support during the year, also the members of each company. Credit is due to those who furnished horses the past year for their promptness in responding to alarms, also to the Superintendent of the Fire Alarm for the excellent condition the system is now in.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. PHIPPS, Chief. C. F. MARBLE, Clerk.



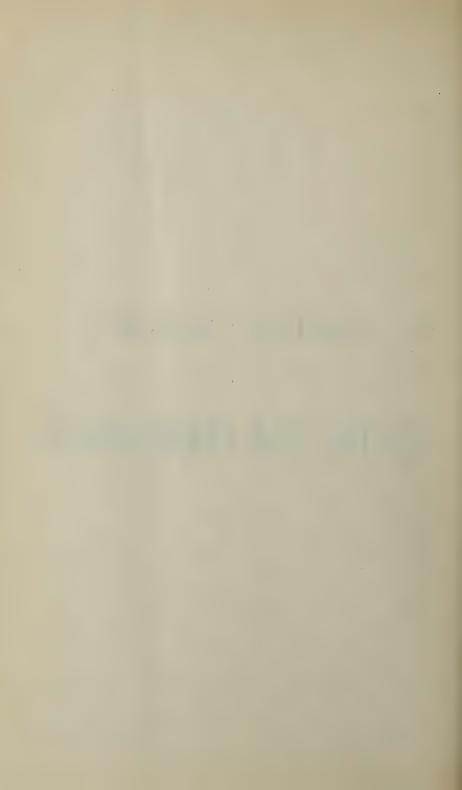
NEW ENGINE HOUSE AT GLOBE VILLAGE.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS.



SINKING FUND.

The Sinking Fund Commissioners respectfully present their report as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1896,	\$58,103	01		
Interest,	2,377	78		
Corporation tax,	314	22		
Sewer Assessments,	95	25		
			\$60,890	26

INVESTMENTS.

Amherst Savings Bank,	\$1,399 69
Abington Savings Bank,	1,031 30
Andover Savings Bank,	1,280 50
Athol Savings Bank,	1,268 16
Arlington Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,218 94
Barre Savings Bank,	1,243 00
Bristol County Savings Bank, Taunton,	1,160 12
Brockton Savings Bank,	884 36
Berkshire County Savings Bank, Pittsfield,	1,268 16
Cape Ann Savings Bank, Gloucester,	1,305 79
City Institution for Savings, Lowell,	1,000 00
Chicopee Savings Bank,	1,218 94
Cambridgeport Savings Bank,	1,171 62
Central Savings Bank, Lowell,	1,160 12
Citizens Savings Bank, Fall River,	1,302 55

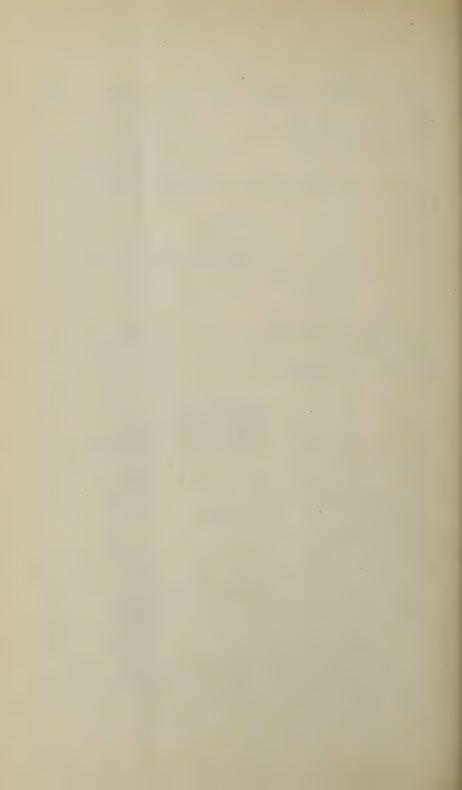
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank,		
Boston,	1,280	46
Dedham Institution for Savings,	1,255	72
Easthampton Savings Bank,	1,242	95
Franklin Savings Institution, Greenfield,	1,082	42
Fitchburg Savings Bank,	1,218	94
Fall River Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,242	93
Gardner Savings Bank,	1,265	47
Haverhill Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,218	80
Hampshire Savings Bank, Northampton,	1,160	12
Holyoke Savings Bank,	1,319	38
Leominster Savings Bank,	1,061	20
Lynn Institution for Savings,	1,287	77
Marlboro Savings Bank,	905	78
Monson Savings Bank,	1,255	72
Millbury Savings Bank,	1,319	38
Milford Savings Bank,	1,306	42
New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,261	84
New Bedford Institution for Savings,	1,264	94
Newburyport Institution for Savings,	1,261	85
Natick Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,255	72
Northampton Institution for Savings,	1,306	42
Palmer Savings Bank,	1,180	24
Peoples Savings Bank, Worcester,	1,240	94
Provident Institution for Savings,		
Amesbury,	1,261	85
Springfield Institution for Savings,	1,319	38
Springfield Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,061	20
South Adams Savings Bank, Adams,	1,274	34
Southbridge Savings Bank,	1,439	77
Spencer Savings Bank,	788	50
	1,420	40
Worcester County Institution for Savings,	1,375	30
Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,368	74
Worcester Mechanics' Savings Bank,	1,368	80

Westboro Savings Bank, Webster Savings Bank, We would recommend an appropriation of \$1,500 for the ensuing year.

I. P. HYDE,
GEO. L. CLEMENCE,
Sinking Fund Commissioners.

As ordered by a vote of the town, the Auditors have examined the several bank books in which the Sinking Fund is invested, and find the above report correct.

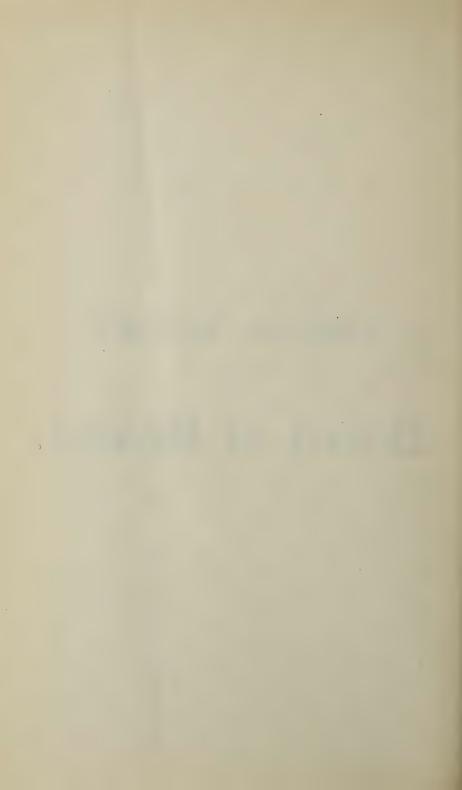
C. F. HILL,
H. S. CHENEY,
JOHN A. WHITTAKER,
Auditors.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Health.



BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896:

Total number of deaths, exclusive of still-births,	154
Number of still-births,	6
Number of deaths of males,	84
Number of deaths of females,	70

DEATH RATE BY AGE.

		Total.	Male.	Female.
Deaths of persons under 1	l year,	36	18	18
from	1 to 2	years, 14	7	7
from	2 to 3	years, 4	3	1
from	3 to 4	years, 1	1	0
from -	4 to 5	years, 0	0	0
from	5 to 10	years, 5	1	4
from 1	0 to 15	years, 4	2	2
from 1	5 to 20	years, 8	5	3
from 2	0 to 30	years, 12	6	6
from 30	0 to 40	years, 16	7	9
from 4	0 to 50	years, 12	7	õ
from 5	0 to 60	years, 8	4	+
from 6	0 to 70	years, 11	9	2
from 70	0 to 80	years, 9	5	4
over 80	years,	13	8	5
age un	known,	1	1	0

Pneumonia.

Bronchitis,

DEATH RATE BY MONTHS.

January,	12	July,	11
February,	13	August,	10
March,	12	September,	20
April,	15	October,	20
May,	8	November,	12
June,	12	December,	9
	CAUSES OF	DEATH.	
Consumption,	21	Diseases of brain,	17
Diphtheria and er	oup, 2	Diseases of kidney,	5
Erysipelas,	1	Diseases of heart,	10
Puerperal fever.	1	Cancer,	8
Cholera infantum,	5	Accident,	3
Diarrhoea,	6	Unknown and ill-defined	l

The number of deaths has been 29 less than that of the preceding year.

13

10

causes.

All other causes,

40

12

There have been a few cases of typhoid fever, mostly of mild type.

Of contagious and infectious diseases there have been a few cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria, some of which have not been reported to the Board of Health, as required by law.

[Public Statutes, Chap. 80, Sect. 78, Acts of 1884, Chap. 98, and Acts of 1891, Chap. 188.]

(1.) When a householder knows that a person within his family is sick of small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or any other disease dangerous to the public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the selectmen or board of health of the town in which he dwells, and upon the death, recovery or removal of such person, the rooms occupied and the articles used by him shall be disinfected by such householder in a manner

approved by the board of health. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with either of the above provisions shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

(2.) When a physician knows that a person whom he is called to visit is infected with small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or any other disease dangerous to public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof in writing, over his own signature, to the selectmen or board of health of the town; and if he refuses or neglects to give such notice he shall forfeit for each offence not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars.

Membraneous croup is diphtheria of the larynx, and as such should be reported as diphtheria.

A proper regard for the principles of quarantine and disinfection in cases of infectious and contagious diseases may prevent much in the way of sickness and death.

Respectfully,

W. G. REED, M. D., Secretary of Board of Health.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Vital Statistics.

The number of marriages, births, and deaths for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896, were as follows:

Number of Marriages—		
American,	27	
French,	48	
Irish,	. 9	
English,	3	
		87
Number of Births—		
	45	
American,	208	
French,		
Irish,	$\frac{24}{2}$	
German,	3	
Polander,	6	
English,	7	
Swede,	1	
Colored,	2	
Scotch,	2	
		298
Number of Deaths—		
American,	24	
French,	108	
Irish,	22	
English,		
Scotch,	3	
Polander,	3 3 1	
i Olalidei,		161
Number of Dogs Licensed—		
	201	
Males,	321	
Females,	20	0.41
		341

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR M. PHILLIPS,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF

PLUMBING INSPECTORS.

We respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1897. We have examined and approved the following work as complying with Chap. 445 of the year 1894, of the rules of the Southbridge Board of Health:

Number of water closets put in, trapped and vented.	26
Number of bath tubs put in, trapped and vented,	11
Number of wash bowls put in, trapped and vented,	10
Number of wash trays put in, trapped and vented,	4
Number of kitchen sinks put in, trapped and vented.	58
Number of sewer connections made with street sewer,	6
Number of plumbing jobs examined and approved,	53

We take this opportunity to call attention to Sections 1, 2 and 3 of rules of the Board of Health, regulating plumbing, which we have reason to believe are being violated, and hereafter all rules shall be strictly enforced.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. SMITH, M. E. KELLY.

Plumbing Inspectors.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

Albee, Harry W.	\$2 00	Bigelow, I. H.	\$2 00
Allard, David P.	2 00	Blaine, James F., Jr.	2 00
Allard, Prisque	2 00	Blute, Michael J.	2 00
Allard, Victor	2 00	Blute, Wm. H.	2 00
Ammidown, E. C.	2 00	Blute, John F.	2 00
Anderson, Frank	2 00	Boistert, Francois	2 00
Anglum, James, Jr.	2 00	Boistert, Francois, Jr.	2 00
Asselin, Aristide,	2 00	Bonebut, Joseph	2 00
		Bonnette, John	2 00
Bouchard, J. B., Jr.	2 00	Booth, George	2 00
Bouchard, Louis, Jr.	2 00	Boucher, Felix	2 00
Bail, Joseph	2 00	Boucher, Regis J.	2 00
Barolette, Edward	2 00	Boucher, Alphonse	2 00
Barie, Albert	2 00	Boucher, Hercules	2 00
Barie, Joseph, Jr.	2 00	Bouthillette, Joseph	2 00
Barie, T. A.	2 00	Burns, Michael	2 00
Beauchemin, Ernest	2 00	Burns, Patrick T.	2 90
Beaudry, John B.	2 00	Brennan, James J.	2 00
Beaudry, Eugene	2 00	Brennan, Patrick	2 00
Beaupre, Omer	2 00	Brouillette, Miza	2 00
Beaulac, Alexis	2 00	*Brockway, H. M.	2 00
Belanger, Joseph H.	2 00	Broudeur, Joseph	2 00
Belanger, Elzear	2 00	Brousseau, Flavien	2 00
Berthiaume, Hyacintl	h 2 00	Brouillard, Jos.	2 00
Bebo, Charles, Jr.	2 00	Brousseau, Henry L.	2 00
Bebo, Joseph, 2d	2 00	Brousseau, Adon	2 00
Bebo, Henry	2 00	Brousseau, Clement J.	2 00
Bebo, Adelard	2 00	Buchan, John	2 00
Bickerstaff, Valentine	e 2 00	Buchan, William	2 00

Buckley, Charles	\$2	00	Corcoran, Rodger	\$ 2	00
Burns, Thomas	2	00	Comier, Pierre A.	2	00
Burrell, Moses	2	00	Comier, Moise	2	00
Butterworth, Hartley	2	00	Cote, Alfred	2	00
			*Cuddihy, T. P.	2	00
Cabana, Joseph	2	00	Cuddihy, D. F.	2	00
Cabana, George	2	00	Cuddihy, J. F.	2	00
Callahan, Charles	2	00	Cuddihy, Patrick	2	00
Campbell, Horatio M.	2	00	Cunneen, John	2	00
Capistrand, Paul	2	00	Curley, Joseph	2	00
Carey, Andrew	2	00	Curley, John	2	()():
Caron, Camille	2	00	Cunningham, Peter	2	()()
Caron, Ulric	2	00	Currin, James	2	00
Caron, Camille, 2d	2	00			
Caron, Camille, Jr.	2	00	Degrenier, Philip	2	00
Caron, Philibert	2	00	Denault, Napoleon	2	00
Carriere, Utena	2	00	Denault, Verbin	2	00
Cassavant, J. B.	2	00	Daniels, J. H	2	00
Casey, John W.	2	00	Daniels, Osias	2	00
Cabana, Martin	2	00	Davis, Arthur W.	2	00
Chapdelaine, Felix	2	00	Dearborn, Charles H.	2	00
Chappel, John	2	00	Degrenier, John	2	00
Charlton, Richard	2	00	Degrenier, Joseph, Jr.	2	00
Christine, Charles	2	00	Delage, Frederic	2	()()
Clarke, Charles M.	2	00	Demers, Joseph	2	00
Cloutier, Dana	2	00	Demers, Elie		0.0
Cloutier, Felix	2	00	Demers, Alfred	2	(10
Cloutier, Camille	2	00	Denault, Joseph	2	00
Collette, Camille	2	00	Denault, Napoleon	2	
Collette, Hector	2	00	Deslauriers, Antoine	2	0.0
Collins, John	2	00	Deslauriers, Alfred	2	
Comstock, Hiram J.	2	00	Deslauriers, Edward, 2d		
Comerfort, M. J.	2	00	Desodie, Francois		00
Congdon, Patrick	2		Desodie, Peter	2	-
Cooper, Wm.	2	00	Desodie, Adolph	2	00

Desmarchais, Francois	\$2	00	Fairfield, Fred	\$2	00
Dionne, Joseph	2	00	Fitzpatrick, Thomas	2	00
Dobson, Allen	2	00			
Dodge, Joseph A.	2	00	Gagnon, Uldege	2	00
Donnelly, Patrick	2	00	Gagnon, Pierre	2	00
Doughty, Elijah M.	2	00	Gagnon, Alfred	2	00
Duelos, David	2	00	*Gamache, Narcisse	2	00
Duclos, Henry	2	00	Gaucher, Xavier	2	00
Duclos, Victor	2	00	Gaudro, Jos.	2	00
Ducharme, A. L.	2	00	Gaudrault, Dieudonne	2	00
Ducharme, Joseph	2	00	Gaumond, Joseph	2	00
Dufault, Philias	2	00	Gauthier, Jos.	2	00
Dafault, Pierre	2	00	Girard, Anatole	.)	00
Dufault, Philias, 2d	2	00	Giroux, Napoleon	2	00
Dumas, Joseph	2	00	Gradon, W. H.	2	00
Dumas, Joseph, Jr.	2	00	Grant, Edward H.	2	00
Dumas, Joseph E.	2	00	Grant, James D.	2	00
Dupuis, Osa	2	00	Greeley, Bernard	2	00
Dupuis, Frederick	2	00	Greenwood, Henry	2	00
Dupuis, Zephirin	2	00	Gregoire, Adelard	2	00
Duquette, Napoleon	2	00	Guerin, Isidore	2	00
Duquette, George	2	00	Guillette, Michael	2	00
Duquette, Fierre	2	00	Guillette, Uldege	2	00
Duquette, Joseph	2	00	Guillette, Emile	2	00
Duquette, Emeric	2	00			
Durand, Phillippe	2	00	Hager, Walter R.	2	00
Durocher, Louis	2	00	Hall, Andrew	2	00
Duval, Napoleon	2	00	Halpin Napoleon	2	00
Dyer, Edward	2	00	Hay, E. E.	2	00
			Hayes, John	2	00
Earls, Michael J.	2	00	Hetu, Edmond L.	2	00
Egan, George E.	2	00	Hickey, Patrick	2	00
Ethier, Noe	2	00	Hitchen, C. E.	2	00
Ethier, Cyrille, Jr.		00	Hitchen, Harry		00
Ethier, Noe, 2d	2	00	Hitchen, John	2	00

Hoben, John T.	\$2	00	Lachapelle, Jas. E.	\$2	00
Hogan, John	2	00	Lafleche, Jos. 2d	2.	00
Hogan, Daniel M.	2	0.0	Lafleche, Jos.	2	00
Hogan, John E.	2	0.0	Lafleche, Paul	2	00
Hogan, Patrick	2	0.0	Lafortune, Edmond	2	00
Holden, John O.	2	0.0	Lafreniere, Adolphice	2	()()
Holden, Jos. T.	2	0.0	Laliberte, Zenon	2	00
Holden, Thomas	2	00	Laliberte, Jos.	2	()()
Hoolsan, Albert	2	00	Lamontagne, Jos.	2	00
Hopwood, James	2	0.0	Lamothe, Henry ·	2	0.0
Houghton, Wilfred	2	00	Lamothe, Paul	2	00
			Lamothe, Dennis	2	00
Jacobs, W. H.	2	0.0	Lamothe, Louis	2	00
Jackson, Albert L.	2	00	Langevin, Alphonse	•)	00
Jalbert, Dieudonne, Jr.	2	0.0	Langevin, Wm. P.	2	00
Johnson, John	2	00	Langevin, Jos., 3d	2	00
Johnson, Edward	2	0.0	Langevin, Alphonse, 2d	.)	00
Johnson, W. H.	2	00	Langevin, Joseph, Jr.	2	00
			Langevin, Paul	2	()()
Keating, William	2	00	Langlois, Edward, Jr.	•)	()()
Kane, Hugh J.	2	00	Lapierre, Alfred	2	00
Keating, John W.	2	00	Lapierre, Napoleon	2	00
Keepson, Owen	2	00	Lapierre, J. B.	2	00
Kelley, Jas. H.	2	00	Laplante, Wm.	2	00
Kennedy, Michael	2	00	Lareau, Edward	2	00
*Kennedy, W. F.	2	00	Larivierre, Alexis	2	00
Kennedy, Patrick H.	2	00	Larivierre, Jean B.	2	00
Kennedy, James	2	00	Larivierre, Edward A.	2	00
Kenney, John	2	00	Larivierre, Solomon J.	2	00
Keough, James	2	00	Larivierre, Jos. E.	2	00
Keveney, Martin	2	00	Larivierre, Henri	2	00
King, Thomas P.	2	00	Larivierre, Napoleon	2	00
			Laroche, Dolphice		00
Labelle, Henry	2	00	Laroche, Jos.		00
Lacasse, George	2	00	Laroche, Alfred	2	00

Larochelle, Pierre, 2d	\$2	00	Lucier, Alfred	\$2	00
Larochelle, Moise	2	00	Lucier, Louis	2	00
Larochelle, Noe	2	00	Lumizette, Arthur	2	00
Lavallee, Chas. F.	2	00	Lusignan, Henry W.	2	00
Lavallee, John	2	00	Lusignan, Adolphe	2	00
Lavallee, Pierre	2	00	-		
Lavallee, Napoleon	2	00	Maguire, George F. Jr.	. 2	00
Lavallee, Eugene	2	00	Maguire, Jos. P.	2	00
Lavallee, Francois	2	00	Mahan, Hugh	2	00
Lavallee, Felix, 2d	2	00	Marchessault, Moses	2	00
Lavallee, Henry	2	00	Martel, John A.	2	00
Laverdiere, Louis P.	2	00	Martel, Roderic	2	00
Lavigne, Wilfred	2	00	Martin, John	2	00
Lavine, Herman	2	00	Martin, Arthur	2	00
Leblanc, Wallace	2	00	Martin, Jos.	2	00
Leblanc, Nareisse	2	00	Matt, Eugene	2	00
Leblanc, Narcisse, Jr.	2	00	May, Peter	2	00
Leduc, Telesphore, Jr.	. 2	00	McCabe, John	2	00
Lee, Richard	2	00	Macomber, Stuart	2	00
Lee, John P.	2	00	McLean, Robert	2	00
Lee, James B.	2	00	McEnroe, Jos.	2	00
Lepain, Henry	2		McGrail, Michael	2	00
Lepain, Wilfred	2		McGrath, Jos.	2	00
Lepain, Adelard	2		McGrath, Dennis	2	00
Lescarbo, Louis	2		McGrath, John	2	00
Lewis, Wm. H.	2		McGregory, Jos.	2	
Lindon, Michael	2		McGuirk, Edward J.	2	
Littleton, John F.		00	McGuirk, Richard	2	
Lizotte, Jos.		00	McKinstry, Adam P.		00
Lizotte, Victor	2		Metevier, Alfred		00
Loiseau, Amabel	2		Miller, Phillipe		00
Loomis, Augustus	2		Monahan, Michael	2	00
Lorange, Jos.	2		Montigny, Chas., Jr.	2	
Lucier, Henry		00	Moore, George C.	2	00
Lucier, Wm.	2	00	*Moore, Robert E.	2	00

Morin, Fred	\$ 2	00	Patenaude, David	\$2	00
Morin, Jos.	2	00	Paul, Oliver	2	00
Moriarity, James	2	00	Pease, Harry	2	00
Moriarity, Timothy J.	2	00	Peck, Napoleon	2	00
Moriarity, John	2	00	Peloquin, Edmond P.	2	00
Moriarity, John C.	2	00	Peloquin, Joseph, 3d	2	00
Moriarity, Daniel	2	00	Peloquin, Theotime	2	00
Morris, Thomas P.	2	00	Peloquin, Noel	2	00
Morrissey, Lawrence T.	2	00	Peppard, Robert	2	00
Morrissey, Patrick	2	00	Pinsonnault, Bernabe	2	00
Morrissey, Thomas P.	2	00	Plante, Stanislas	2	00
Murphy, James, Jr.	2	00	Plante, Pierre	2	00
Murphy, Dennis	2	00	Plante, Olivia	2	00
Murphy, John F.	2	00	Plimpton, Henry E.	2	00
Murphy, Paul V.	2	00	Pollard, John	2	00
Murphy, Arthur	2	00	Pollard, Jas.	2	00
			Pontbriand, Dolphice	2	00
Nadeau, Louis	2	00	Pontbriand, Hormidas	2	00
Nadeau, Jean B.	2	00	Potvin, Narcisse	2	00
Nichols, Thos. J.	2	00	Potvin, Paul	2	00
Nolan, Thos.	2	00	Power, Joseph P.	2	00
Northup, W. E.	2	00	Proulx, Jean B., 2d	2	00
			Proulx, Jean B., 3d	2	00
O'Brien, Owen	2	00	Proulx, Dasethe	2	00
O'Keefe, Patrick	2	00	Proulx, Adolph	2	00
O'Keefe, John	2	00			
O'Keefe, Patrick H.	2	00	Quevillion, Chas.	2	00
O'Keefe, Jos.	2	00	Quirk, John J.	2	00
Olds, Geo. W.	2	00			
Ostrander, Eldreth	2	00	Racine, Edward	2	00
			Racine, Alfred	2	00
Palardy, John M.	2	00	Renaud, Francois X.	2	00
Paquin, Rosariot	2	00	Renaud, Hormidas	2	00
Paquin, Joseph	2	00	Renaud, Israel	2	00
Parent, Aimee	2	00	Renaud, Frank E.	2	00

Renaud, Adolph	\$2	00	St. Martin, Wm.	\$2	00
Renaud Pierre	2	0.0	St. Martin, Pierre	2	00
Richard, Joseph E.	2	00	St. Martin, Honore, Jr.		00
Reilley, Hugh	2 2 2	0.0	St. Martin, Charles	2	00
Riopel, James	2	00	Stott, James		00
Riopel, Zephirin	2	00	Surprenant, Regis	2	00
Ringuette, Phillipe	2	00	Surprenant, François		
Ritchie, Francois	2	00	Surprenant, Pierre	2	00
Ritchie, Joseph	2 2	00			
Robert, W. E.		00	Tansey, Thomas		00
Robidoux, Augustin	2	00	Tessier, Charles		00
Robidoux, Henry	2	00	Theriault, Cleophace		00
Robidoux, Cyrille	2	00	Theriault, George A.	2	00
Robillard, Louis A.	2	00.	Theriasque, Joseph	2	00
Ruggles, Frank	2 2	00	Thibault, Alberic	2	00
Ryan, James T.	2	00	Thornton, Abram		00
Ryan, Michael J.	2	00	Trahan, Jos.		00
Ryan, Wm.	2	00	Trainor, Jos. P.		0.0
Ryan, Thos.	2	00	Trembly, Napoleon L.		00
Ryan, John J.	2 2 2 2	00	Trembly, Joseph	2	0.0
Ryan, Wal.	2	0.0			
			Ulfaut. David	2	00
Savage, Samuel	2	00			
Shea, Michael T.	2	00	Voyer, Louis	2	00
Shea, William J.	2	00			
Sheridan, Patrick	2 2	00	Waldron, Irving		00
Sheridan, Edward		00	Ware, James B., Jr.		00
Simmons, S. O.	2	00	Welsh, Michael		00
Simonds, Jay O.	2	00	Wells, Charles H.		00
Simpson, Jas., 2d	2	00	Wetherbee, John H.		00
Simpson, Alexander D.	2	00	Whalen, Paul J.		00
Simpson, Adelard	2	00	Whalen, James		00
Slater, Samuel	2	00	Whalen, John W.		00
Smith, Joseph W.	2	00	Williams, Frank P.		00
Smith, Morton C.	2	00	Wilson, Humphrey		00
Splain, Edward		00	Wright, Daniel		00
Stevens, Geo. F.		00	Woodward, E. M.	2	00
Stewart, John P.		00	Wright, Charles		00
St. Laurent. Narcisse		00	Wyman, Geo. H.		00
St. Marie, Solomon	2	00	Young, Wm.	2	00

^{*} Fireman, who has claim against the town.

LIST OF JURORS.

List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen to be submitted for revision and acceptance at the annual Town Meeting to be held April 5, 1897.

Angell, I. O.

Ammidown, L. E.

Blaine, James F.

Booth, William

Boardman, Romayne

Brown, James

Chamberlain, Elmer D.

Chamberlain, Dwight

Chace, E. E.

Chandler, Winthrop A.

Clemence, J. E.

Collins, Michael

Caron, Anatole J.

Chaffin, Frank W.

Chamberlain, Sylvanus

Clemence, L. D.

Cronin, Thomas

Caffrey, Henry M.

Chamberlain, Andrew M.

Clemence, Herbert H.

Daniels, Augustus

Darling, Eugene L.

Davis, Salem W.

Dennis, Paul

Dillaber, Marcus L.

Douty, Edward F.

Dresser, George A.

Duquette, Louis N.

Dresser, George L.

Davis Linus F.

Dalton, Patrick M.

Durfee, H. D.

Dakin, E. F.

Dinan, Henry

Eccleston, Wm. H.

Egan, James K.

Freeman, Henry J.

Flood, Matthew

Farland, Antoine

Farquhar, John

Flynn, Lawrence

Gough, Robert F.

Gagnon, Joseph

Garfield, Wm. E.

Gaudette, Andrew H.

Gay, Ernest L.

Gelineau, Joseph

Harwood, Elmer E.

Hall, Charles W.

Herber, Stermius

Hardenber, Wm. E.

Hughes, Thomas

Herber, John J. Harrington, John Hancock, Daniel Hyde, Charles Hefner, John E. Holmes, Fred L. Hyde, A. L. Johnson, A. J. Jackson, N. N. Kennedy, Wm. F. Lamoureux, G. E. J. Lusignan, Adolphe Lamoureux, Wilfred Lareau, Joseph N. Lawson, Roger C. LeClair, Paul N. Lyon, Otis F. Litchfield, H. L. Morrissey, James Morse, H. A. Merritt, T. C. Marcy, Zenas A. Mason, J. H. McGrath, Thomas Morris, Andrew J. Morse, Silas B. McGilpin, John C.

McKinstry, Jude T. Mason, Harry S. Newell, Norval Nichols, Frank B. Newell, Harvey V. Olds, Alonzo W. O'Halloran, Wm. Prue, Jos. E. Pelton, Albert L. Plimpton, Manning Plimpton, Lorenzo Richard, Stephen Ryan, John Robinson, Jesse W. Ryan, Thomas H. Shumway, Clarence V. Sibley, Lyman E. Seavey, Wm. A. Torrey, E. T. Tully, Michael J. Thompson, Azel Tetrault, François X. Williams, Charles W. Whittaker, Henry Vinton, Francis M. Varner, Hugh R.

Warrant for Town Meeting.

APRIL 5, 1897.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Southbridge, in the County of Worcester, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge, aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Southbridge, on Monday, the fifth day of April, 1897, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles:

- ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, viz: Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Board of Health, Assessors, School Committee, Auditors of Accounts, Cemetery Committee, Library Committee, a Sinking Fund Commissioner and Constables.
- ART. 3. To vote by ballot "Yes or No" in answer to the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town."
- ART. 4. To hear the reports of the Auditors of Accounts, Treasurer, Clerk, Selectmen, Library Committee, and act thereon.
- ART. 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and charges, the ensuing year, or act thereon.
- ART. 6. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes paid within a certain period, or act thereon.

- ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of taxes, as will be found necessary to meet the current expenses of the year, or act thereon.
- ART. 8. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as posted and presented by the Selectmen, or act thereon.
- ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to pay the engine men for the ensuing year, or act thereon.
- ART. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the observance of Memorial Day, or act thereon.
- ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to pay an Electrician for the ensuing year, or act thereon.
- ART. 12. To see if the town will fix the compensation of town officers, laborers and teams for the ensuing year, or act thereon.
- ART. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the support of the militia, or act thereon.
- ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 (three hundred dollars) for Police Duty, or act thereon.
- ART. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to pay the Water Supply Co. for use of hydrants and drinking fountain for the ensuing year, or act thereon.
- ART. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for Street Lights, or act thereon.
- ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the Town Pound, when in their judgment it would be for the interest of the town to do so, and locate a Town Pound on the Town Farm, or act thereon.
- ART. 18. To see what action the town will take in regard to building a system of sewers on Hamilton, Hook, Pine, Marcy and Edwards streets, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything regarding the same.

- ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to finish the strip of sidewalk on Elm street abutting the properties of Mrs. S. C. Hartwell and Sylvester Dresser, raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.
- ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to lay out a town way beginning at the westerly line of the easterly section of Dresser street, thence over land of Ellen J. Bartholomew to the easterly end of the westerly section of Dresser street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.
- ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to accept the street running from Chapin street to Wells court to be called Forest avenue, or act thereon.
- ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to purchase two headstones for Revolutionary Soldiers, Lemuel Clark and William Simpson, raise and appropriate money or act thereon.
- ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the proper celebration of Fourth of July, or act thereon.
- ART. 24. To see what action the town will take in regard to erecting a new school building, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything regarding the same.
- ART. 25. To see what action the town will take in regard to building a new armory, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything regarding the same.
- ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to build a concrete sidewalk, stone curbing, on the southerly side of Hamilton street between Pine street and Cross street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.
- ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to build a concrete sidewalk, stone curbing, on the west side of Everett street from Summer street to private way known as Spring street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.

- ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to construct a gravel sidewalk on the west side of Benefit street, from North street to Lens street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.
- ART. 29. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to transfer to unappropriated funds the following amounts: Banquet hall, \$19.68; Elm street sidewalk, 2.58; Fire alarm boxes, 5.75; Hose carriages, 1.99; New Engine house, 8.41; Retaining wall, 370.12; Special highways, .07; Toboggan hill sidewalk, .05, or act thereon.
- ART. 30. To see what action if any the town will take relative to having the Town Clerk's office kept in the Selectmen's room in town hall building or act thereon.
- ART. 31. To see what action, if any, the town will take relative to collecting the amount due from the collector of 1884 taxes, or act thereon.
- ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to prosecute at the expense of the town, violations of the laws relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, drunkenness and common drunkards, or act thereon.
- ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the electric are light on Woodlawn street at Hillside Park, or act thereon.
- ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to establish an electric are light on corner of Hamilton, Crane and Cross streets, raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.
- ART. 35. To see if the town will vote to establish an electric are light on Charlton City Road near residence of Joseph Peloquin, raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.
- ART. 36. To see if the town will vote to establish an electric arc light on Morris street, above railroad bridge, raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to establish four incandescent electric lights on South street leading to Shuttleville, between the four corners (near Dr. Gauthier's) and the house of Manning Plimpton, raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof twice in the Southbridge Journal. Herald and Press, the first publication being not less than nine days next preceding the day of the meeting.—or by posting up such attested copies in four conspicuous public places within the town, at least nine days, including Sundays,—before the day of holding said meeting. The polls will be open at 9 o'clock A. M., and close at 3 o'clock P. M.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place hereinbefore named.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of March, A. D. 1897.

O. B. E. CHIPMAN,
J. M. OLNEY,
THOMAS SANDERS,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

A true copy. Attest:

MARCUS L. DILLABER, Constable of Southbridge.

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FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1898.

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1898.



TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1897=8.

TREASURER.
JOHN A. HALL.

CLERK.

EDGAR M. PHILLIPS.

SELECTMEN.

O. B. E. CHIPMAN,

J. M. OLNEY,

CALVIN CLAFLIN

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

CALVIN A. PAIGE, FELIX GATINEAU, L. WESLEY CURTIS-

ASSESSORS.

FRANKLIN JACOBS, S. K. EDWARDS, V. W. LAMOUREUX.

AUDITORS.

C. F. HILL, S. D. PERRY, JOHN A. WHITTAKER-

BOARD OF HEALTH.

CARY C. BRADFORD, - - - - Term Expires 1898 F. H. OLIN, - - - - - Term Expires 1899 JACOB BOOTH, - - - - Term Expires 1900

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, - - - - Term Expires 1898
GEORGE M. LOVELL, - - - - Term Expires 1898
F. X. TETRAULT, - - - - Term Expires 1899
HENRY WHITTAKER, - - - - Term Expires 1899
ALVA L. HYDE, - - - Term Expires 1900
G. W. PENNIMAN, - - - Term Expires 1900

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

J. EDWARD CLEMENCE		_				_		_	Term Expires 1898
JOHN B. DRENNAN,	, <u> </u>		-		_		-		Term Expires 1898
C. C. BRADFORD, -		-				-		-	Term Expires 1898
CLEMENT BEGIN,	-		-		-		-		Term Expires 1899
GEORGE GRANT, -		-		-		-		-	Term Expires 1899
GEORGE M. LOVELL,	-		-		-		-		Term Expires 1899
W. G. REED,		•		-		-		-	Term Expres 1900
ALEXIS BOYER, Jr,			-				-		Term Expires 1900
FRED. E. CORBIN, -		-		-		-		-	Term Expires 1900

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

HENRY C. CADY,	-		-		-	٠	-		_	Term Expires 1898
CALVIN A. PAIGE,		-		-		-		-		Term Expires 1898
ALONZO W. OLDS,	-		-		-		~		-	Term Expires 1899
JACOB BOOTH, -		٠				-		-		Term Expires 1899
T. JEROME HARRIN	GT	ON,			-		-		-	Term Expires 1900
SAMUEL WILLIAMS,	,	-		-		-		-		Term Expires 1900

CONSTABLES.

PIERRE CAPLETTE,	M. L. DILLABER,	WM. H. BROWN,
A. M. HIGGINS,	WM. SANDERS,	WM. A. SEAVEY,
J. S. DRESSER.		

SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS.

*I. P. HYDE,		-		~	Term Expires 1898
GEORGE L. CLEMENCE,		-			Term Expires 1899
CHANNING M. WELLS,	-	-	<u>_</u>	-	Term Expires 1900
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TAX COLLECTOR. JOSEPH M. OLNEY.

FIRE ENGINEERS.

CHAS. P. PHIPPS, Chief, CHAS. F. MARBLE, B. C. STONE, GEO. J. LAMOUREUX, PATRICK FLYNN.

ANDREW F. HALL, Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

POLICE OFFICERS.

W. J. DOUTY,
THOMAS HOLDEN,
A. E. MORTON,
GEO. H. THAYER,
JAMES MONROE,
CAMILLE CARON,
J. B. PERRAULT,
A. E. BUELL,
GEORGE J. LAMOUREUX,
J. N. LAREAU,

A. B. WELLS,
GEORGE H. CHAFFIN,
MONROE REYNOLDS.
EDMUND GODDU,
LUKE REILLY,
JOSEPH BARTLETT,
OSCAR BARRETT,
SOUVERAIN ROBERT,
LOUIS DUQUETTE,
LOUIS PELOQUIN.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

W. D. MORSE, GEO. W. COREY,

WM. F. HERRON.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

O. B. E. CHIPMAN.

TOWN COUNSEL.
HENRY B. MONTAGUE.

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK.
GEORGE ARMES.

POUND KEEPER.
GEORGE F. NORTHUP.

KEEPER OF LOCKUP. FRANK TREMBLY.

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL BUILDING.
PETER CAPLETTE.

CATTLE INSPECTOR.
HENRY A. MORSE.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.
N. E. PUTNEY.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

CHARLES HYDE,
P. N. LECLAIR,
F. D. DRESSER,
ALEX. SIMPSON,
HENRY D. MASON,
J. E. CLEMENCE,
E. C. ELLIS.

HENRY A. MORSE, FELIX LECLAIR, V. W. LAMOUREUX, GEORGE SIMPSON, WILLIAM D. MORSE, JOHN RYAN,

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

W. A. SEAVEY, F. E. RANDALL, WILLIAM SEAVEY, H. D. MASON, W. A. BOYD, WILLIAM BOOTH,
A. DANIELS,
E. C. ELLIS,
C. F. MARBLE,
E. I. KNOWLES.

FENCE VIEWERS.

HENRY A. MORSE,

JAMES BROWN, GEO. L. CLEMENCE.

FIELD DRIVERS.

DIST. 1. H. H. ADAMS, DIST. 3. ANDREW J. MORRIS,

DIST. 2. WILLARD P. MORSE, DIST. 4. ROMAYNE BOARDMAN,

DIST. 5. WILLIAM SANDERS,

DIST. 6. SILAS B. MORSE,

DIST. 7. ANDREW J. CLARKE.

FIRE WARDENS.

W. H. H. CHENEY, A. J. CLARKE, JAMES H. MASON, E. T. TORREY, H. P. MORSE, Z. ALONZO MARCY, GEORGE L. CLEMENCE, THOMAS HUGHES.

ANNUAL REPORT

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AUDITORS.



THE ACCOUNT

OF THE

TOWN TREASURER.

JOHN A. HALL, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Southbridge, for the year ending February 28, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1897,			\$3,129	15
Due from J. M. Olney, Collector, 1896,			5,737	95
Tax bill of 1897:				
State tax,	\$2,852	50		
County tax,	2,720	00		
Center watch district tax and overlay-				
ings,	1,940	22		
Bank tax and non-residents,	1,195	20		
Overlayings on taxes,	555	04		
			9,262	96
Street lights,	6,000	00		
Outside poor,	5,000	00		
High school,	2,900	00		
Contingent schools,	2,700	00		
Contingent expenses,	2,500	00		
Salaries,	2,300	00		
Abatement taxes,	2,000	00		
Special highways,	2,000	00		
Support poor,	2,000	00		
Engine men,	1,910	00		
Fire department,	1,850	00		

Water supply, 1,500 00 Retaining wall, 1,500 00 Special cemetery improvements, 1,500 00 Sidewalk repairs, 1,200 00 Sewer note Oct. 1, 1896, 1,095 00 Marcy street school-house lot note, 1,095 00 Marcy street school-house lot note, 1,000 00 Marcy street school-house lot note, 1,000 00 War relief, 1,000 00 Insurance, 800 00 Summer street sidewalk, 700 00 Evening schools, 650 00 Police duty, 600 00 Printing, 500 00 Town hall contingent, 500 00 Railing highways, 500 00 Sewer plans, 500 00 Sidewalk between Hartwell and Dresser streets, 400 00 Sidewalk between Pine and Foster streets, 400 00
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Sinking fund, 400 00
Police station, 350 00
Militia, 200 00
Military aid, 200 00
Repairs farm buildings, 200 00
School apparatus, 200 00
State aid, 200 00
Electrician, 150 00
Toboggan Hill sidewalk, 125 00
Fourth of July, 100 00
District court fees, 100 00

Memorial Day, \$1	00	00		
Are light, Charlton City road,	77	35		
Are light, Morris St.,	77	35		
Sidewalk between North and Lens Sts.,	75	00		
Incandescent lights, South St.,	7 5	00		
Head stones, graves of "Clark and Simpson,"	50			
			\$52,079	
Withdrawals from Savings Banks,			35,079	
Marcy St. school-house loan,			30,000	
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes,			25,000	
Armory loan,			10,000	00
State Treasurer, Corporation tax, \$13,1				
,		00		
•		00		
1 1	99	25		
*	19	78		
Military aid,	60	00		
			14,802	
Liquor licenses,			10,405	00
S., S. & B. R. R. Co., 50 per cent. divi-				
dend,			2,312	
Corporation tax, account sinking fund,			886	
Premium on school-house notes,			750	
County Treasurer, dog fund,			686	10
Transfer from high school to town hall				
contingent, account of fuel and				
janitor,			500	00
Sewer assessment, account sinking fund,			466	79
Cemetery fund,			450	00
Sidewalk assessments,			404	45
Interest, cemetery fund,			364	97
Tuitions,			331	37
District court fees,			218	57
Produce sold, account support poor,			194	24
Licenses,			182	00

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James Munroe, support wife at hospital,		\$169	46
Town of Warren, account war relief,		144	00
Town hall rentals,		142	00
Outside poor:			
Williamsburg, account Mrs. H. L. With-			
erell,	\$82 75		
Sturbridge, account Fred Reynolds,	18 04		
Worcester, account David Shaw,	18 00		
Fall River, account William Dalton,	10 43		
		129	22
Public Library, cards, fines, etc.,		111	30
Sale of town pound,		100	00
Old engine house rental,		90	00
Overpaid order, account Marcy St.			
school-house,		71	20
Brick sold, account sidewalks,		53	25
Southbridge & Sturbridge St. Ry., ac-			
count highways,		50	00
Interest Mary Mynott fund,			20
Grading cemetery lots,		37	67
Tar barrels, account sidewalks,		35	90
Use of fire engine,			00
Lamp posts,		* 31	
Sewer plans,			00
Interest, sinking fund,			00
Books and supplies, account contingent			
school.		13	67
Grass sold,			00
Broken stone,		•	10
Gravel,			00
Old plank,			21
Stone bounds,			40
Overpaid order, account support of poor,			75
overpaid order, account support or poor,	_		
	\$2	204,583	58

EXPENDITURES.

Marcy street grammar school-house,	\$27,143 36
Common schools,	12,595 08
Armory,	10,315 16
Highways,	6,646 34
Street lights,	6,091 30
Outside poor,	5,664 47
Interest,	3,910 37
High school,	3,131 50
Cemetery improvements,	2,922 37
State tax,	2,852 50
Public library,	2,723 44
County tax,	2,720-00
Contingent schools,	2,707 97
State treasurer, account liquor licenses,	2,601 25
Contingent expenses,	2,582 05
Salaries,	2,339 90
Support poor,	2,223 44
Engine men,	1,910 00
Center watch district,	1,830 05
Town hall contingent,	1,520 73
Water supply,	1,468 88
Fire department,	1,455 77
Abatement taxes,	1.340 01
War relief,	1,295 58
Bank tax,	1,183 19
Sewer plans,	1,008 06
Sidewalks,	988 54
Mechanics street extension,	936 91
Insurance,	870 52
Militia,	795 95
Coombs street,	733 38
Printing,	682 56
Evening schools,	634 56

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Obligations Outstanding February 28, 1898.

\$204,583 58

Town Hall four per cent. bonds, due April 1, 1898, \$65,000 00 MARCY STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE NOTE.

\$3,000 payable annually commencing Oct 1, 1898, 30,000 00

NOTES.

\$1,095 payable annually until 1912, commencing Oct. 1, 1898, \$550 payable Oct. 1, 1912,

\$15,880 00

ARMORY NOTES.

\$1,000 payable annually commencing April 24, 1898, 10,000 00

NEW ENGINE HOUSE NOTES.

Payable July 7, 1899,

2,000 00

\$122,880 00

APPROPRIATIONS AND MATURING OBLIGATIONS TO BE PRO-VIDED FOR IN THE TAX LEVY OF 1898.

Marcy street school-house note, due Oct. 1, 1898,	\$3,000	00
Sewer note due Oct. 1, 1898,	1,095	
Armory note due April 24, 1898,	1,000	
Mechanic street, appropriated November meeting,	1,000	
Coombs street, appropriated July meeting,	750	00
Sewer plans, appropriated July meeting,	500	00

\$7,345 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION MARCH 1, 1898.

Town hall bonds,	\$	65,000	00
Marcy street school-house notes,		30,000	00
Sewer notes,		15,880	00
Armory notes,		10,000	00
New engine house note,	•	2,000	00

\$122,880 00

Less sinking fund,

65,251 03

Net debt,

\$57,628 97

Assessed valuation,

\$3,589,172 00

Population, census 1895, 8,250.

Balance of Accounts February 28, 1898.

Town house,	\$70,000 00		86,029	
School houses,	20,000 00		35,251	
Cemetery,	10,000 00	Town hall loan,	65,000	00
Public library,	9,000 00	Notes payable,	57,880	00
Steamers,	8,000 00	Cemetery fund,	9,049	25
Engine houses,	5,000 00	S., S. & B. R. R.,	3,237	50
Farm,	5,000 00		1,062	43
Hose,	5,000 00	Unappropriated funds,	884	32
Marcy St. school house	lot, 4,000 00	State aid,	834	31
Lamp posts.	2.500 00	Support poor,	782	21
Police station.	2,500 00	High school,	777	13
Police station, Hook and ladder truck School furniture, Hose carriages, Hearse house, Hearse,	s. 2,000 00	Abatement taxes	768	16
School furniture.	1,600 00	Center watch district,	736	61
Hose carriages.	1,000 00	Outside poor,	704	94
Hearse house.	1,000 00	Dog fund,	686	10
Hearse.	200 00	Common schools,	657	21
Road scraper,	150 00	Enforcement liquor law,		
Fire engine,	100 00	Specifications, new gramm		
Personal property,	3,979 99	school,	410	00
Cash,	49,044 29	Salaries,	351	
Deposits in Savings Bk		Interest,	340	
J. M. Olney, Collector,	97 4 975 66	Fire department,	313	
Grammar school,	26,322 16	Street lights,	309	
Sewers,	11,722 77	Repairs farm buildings,	257	
Armory.	10.315 16	Police duty,	241	
		District court fees,	198	-
New engine house, Highways,	1,105 87	Town hall contingent,	190	
Mechanic St extension	936 91	Police station,	165	
Coombs street,	733 38	Electrician,	150	
Sewer plans,	508 06	Special school house rep's		
War relief,	382 40	Military aid,	,	00
Contingent expenses,	315 41	Public library,		23
Militia,	280 81	Bank tax,		68
Railing highways,	141 06	Town pound,	50	00
Sidewalk between Pin		Cemetery improvements,		89
Cross Sts.,	103 10	Summer street sidewalk,		87
Bridges,	45 45	Evening schools,		14
Sidewalks,	29 23	Repairs police station,		68
Insurance,	18 84	School apparatus,		99
Printing,	3 98	Contingent schools,		55
Tilling,	0 00	Water supply,		62
	\$298,461 79	Fourth July,		15
	9200,401 10	Headstones, Clark and Sin		10
		son,		50
		Sidewalk between Park a		
		Summer Sts.,		55
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JOHN A. HALL, Treasurer.

\$298,461 79

Southbridge, Mass., March 1, 1898.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Cemetery Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897, \$8,599 25 Received from Samuel Williams, supt., for sale of lots and perpetual care, 450 00

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898, \$9,049 25

Cemetery Improvements.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March	1,1897, \$43	62		
Interest from cemetery fund,	364	97		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	2,500	00		
S. Williams, grading lots, etc.,	48	67		
	_		\$2,951	26
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EXPENDITURES.

S. Williams, payroll for men and teams,	\$2,559	05
S. Williams, salary to April 15, 1898,	150	00
S. Williams, supplies,	67	69
I. R. Apte, loam and sod,	39	50
George S. Stone Co., labor,	23	15
Southbridge Water Supply Co., water to		
July 1, 1898,	20	00

T. J. Harrington, plants,	\$15 37	
P. H. Carpenter Co., seeds,	11 07	
W. C. Lewis, tools,	8:45	
N. E. Putney, sharpening lawn mowers,	6 75	
E. C. Ellis, phosphate,	5 25	
W. C. Edgett, sharpening lawn mowers,	4 50	
F. O. Letcher, dynamite,	3 99	
W. H. Clarke, labor,	3 85	
Frank Cady, loam,	3 75	
•		\$2,922 37
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Balance to credit of account March 1	\$28 89	

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Mynott Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,	\$1,036	48		
Interest on Fund, Jan. 1, 1898,	40	20		
		_	\$1,076	68
EXPENDITURES.				
Estes & Lauriat, books,	\$5	85		
Geo. W. Corey, subscription to four magaz	ines, 8	40		
			\$14	25
Balance to credit of account March 1	, 1898,		\$1,062	43

Public Library.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,	\$262	37		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	1,800	00		
Dog fund for 1896,	630	00		
Fines, cards, etc.,	109	28		
Cash returned from account sent to New				
York,	2	02		
		-	\$2,803	67
EXPENDITURES.				
Harriet H. Stanley, salary,	\$1,000	00		

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Harriet H. Stanley, expenses,

Southbridge Gas & Electric Co., lighting,	8221	00		
Southbridge Gas & Electric Co., wiring,	34			
Estes & Lauriat, books,	223			
O. J. Aldrich, labor and materials,	186	24		
Southbridge Press, printing 1000 catalogues,	169	76		
Southbridge Press, printing,	21	75		
Geo. W. Corey, papers and magazines,	174	00	• '	
J. S. Wesby & Sons, binding,	112	76		
Wm. Allen & Son, fire proof door, labor				
and material,	83	81		
Wm. H. Clarke, labor and supplies,	55	88		
Wm. H. Clarke, agent, rental to Jan. 1, '98,	43	75		
M. Egan & Son, labor,	81	98		
E. C. Ellis, coal,	54	00		
Library Bureau, supplies,	39	75		
Walter S. Houghton, bindings,	38	00		
Calvin Claffin, labor and supplies,	36	25		
T. H. Castor & Co., books,	33	14		
Publishers' Weekly, books,	19	50		
Masury, Young & Co., No-Dusto,	10	50		
Southbridge Journal, printing,	7	00		
D. Appleton & Co., book,	6	00		
Boston Journal, 1 year,	5	00		
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, screens,	4	00		
D. L. Brownell, book,	3	00		
Mass. Historical Society, book,	3	00		
Geo. M. Lovell, labor,	2	62		
Ford, Howard & Hurlbert, book,	2	00		
A. Daniels, wood,	1	75		
One copy history Dover and postage,	1	70		
			\$2,723	44

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,

\$80 23

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Outside Poor.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1891, \$181	91	
Appropriation at annual meeting, 5,000	00	
State Treasurer, support of paupers, 299	25	
James Monroe, support of wife, 169	46	
City Worcester, aid David Shaw, 15	00	
Town Sturbridge, aid Fred Reynolds, 18	04	
Town Williamsburg, aid Helen With-		
erell, 82	75	
City Worcester, aid Charles E. Brown, 3	00	
		\$6,369 41

EXPENDITURES.

Commonwealth of Mass., Worcester Lunatic Hospital, support of

Hendrick L. Smith,	\$169 46
Edward H. Hill,	169 46
Annie Monroe,	169 46
Thomas Boyle,	169 46
John Brogan,	169 46
James Minns,	169 46
Josephine Lavallee,	169 46
Nazarine Lamont,	169 46
Onezine Capistrand,	141 13
James W. Ryan,	132 18
Mary H. Pratt,	127 46

Catharine Tynan, at Med- field Insane asylum, \$182 00	
Mary Cavanagh, at state	
almshouse, 73 20	
Ann Mitchell, at state	
almshouse, 7 71	
John Coldrick, at state	
farm, 109 20	
Joseph Byron, Foxboro	
hospital, 160 17	
	\$2,288 73

Felix Gatineau, goods delivered to

Mrs. Leon Rheims,	\$132	50
Leon Dupuis,	106	00
Mrs. L. W. Parker,	106	00
Mrs. Adelord Brouthers,	64	00
Mrs. James Riopel,	60	00
Pierre Lovely,	35	50
Mrs. Joseph Argnoite,	30	00
Mrs. Joseph Daigneault,	34	00
Michael Poulind,	27	00
Helen L. Witherell,	21	00
Mrs. M. Callahan,	20	00
Mary L. Witherell,	21	00
Jos. Arsenault,	21	00
Frank Loranger,	18	00
J. B. Brouthers,	19	13
Thomas Cady,	12	00
Joseph Belanger,	10	00
M. Jarvis,	9	00
Alex Dupuis,	8	00
Cyril Byron,	7	00
A. Bruso,	5	00
Albert Gauthier,	. 4	00

Charles E. Brown,	\$3 00	
Abram Lovely,	2 00	
Joseph Beaudry,	2 00	
Mrs. Fred Stone,	3 50	
		\$77 0 63
J. & T. Ryan, goods delivered	to	
Mary O'Brien,	\$ 79 50	
Honora O'Brien,	79 50	
Bridget Tatro,	57 50	
James Brown,	53 00	
Mrs. Horrigan,	52 00	
Mrs. Gargan,	52 00	
Mrs. P. Cuddihy,	7 50	
Mrs. W. R. Cuddihy,	$16 \ 25$	
Susan A. Lens,	4 00	
Mrs. E. P. Frost,	35 00	
		436 25
LeClair & Co., goods delivered	1 to	
J. B. Reno,	\$104 00	
Albert Perry,	28 50	
Frank Reno,	25 25	
Frank Savery,	15 00	
J. B. Brouthers,	6 00	
Fred Stone,	5 00	
Ellen O'Halloran,	2 00	
and a removed,		185 75
J. S. Gleason & Co., goods de	liv	
ered to	711 V -	
Mrs. D. Murphy,	\$104 00	
Frank LaCrosse,	62 00	
Adam McKinstry,	47 50	
Frank Loranger,	6 00	
William Felton,	10 00	
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Albert Perry,	\$5 00		
M. Grant,	3 00		
Mrs. Paul Bonin,	3 00		
		\$240 50)
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J. B. Demars, goods delivered			
Helen Lovely,	\$86 00		
Herbert Lovely,	84 00		
Mrs. St. Onge,	53 00	020 00	
		223 00)
William Power & Son, goods del	liv-		
ered to	****		
Mrs. John Kinney,	\$94 00		
Mrs. Charles Buckley,	42 00		
Aug. King,	36 00		
		172 00)
S. Grant, goods delivered to			
Mrs. Fred Stone,	\$159 00		
Emily J. Coubert,	10 00		
		169 00)
Frank Trembly, care tramps,		238 40)
City of Worcester, aid rendere	ed to		
Eugene and Jennie M	or-		
engo,	\$39 52		
Regis and Elizabeth Bou	th-		
ilette,	12 40		
Felix Herard.	18 57		
John Henry,	37 14		
Ann Mitchell,	22 86		
Nora Corcoran,	41 43		
M. Grant,	5 71		
Burial of John Lyon,	13 00		
as activities of the contract		190 63	3

F. X. Lariviere, coffin and robe	,	
David Shaw,	\$15 00	
Anna Byron,	15 00	
Mrs. John Lamont,	15.00	
Fred Lucia,	15 00	
Amy Lovely,	15.00	
Rosa Poulind,	15 00	
Margaret Giroux,	15 00	
		\$105 00
P. H. Carpenter Co., goods deli	v-	
Josephine Lavallee,	\$72 00	
Mrs. John Lavallee,	10 00	
, ,		82 00
Joseph Peloquin, goods delivered	l to	
John Lamont,	\$12 00	
Augustine Restine,	20 00	
Pierre Lamont,	12 85	
Delia Bergeren,	8 00	
Telesphore Goddard,	6 00	
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Philip Caron, goods delivered to)	
Michael Daigneault,	,	52 00
Town of Webster, aid to		02 00
Victor Boovia,	\$20 00	
Lewis Shaw,	34 00	
,		54 00
E. C. Ellis, goods delivered to		
Cyril Byron,	\$21 00	
Helen Witherell,	3 00	
recton withorton,		24 00
Events Translate come of		21 00
Frank Trembly, care of	#40 40	
Frank Sherbeno,	\$19 16	

John O'Day and Alfred		
Collins,	\$2 00	
		\$21 16
F. Gatineau, transportation to		
Tewksbury,		
John D. Delaney and	Leo	
Boulanger,	\$13 91	
Cash paid Mrs. Frank V	With-	
erell for care of Helen	With-	
erell.	13 00	
		26 91
J. A. Genereux, salary town	nhe	
sician.	pny-	75 00
Simeon Page, goods delivered t	-0	10 00
Frank Rene,	.0	20 75
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Paige, Carpenter Co., goods of	lelly-	
ered to	. 44 00	
Mrs. Thomas Powers,	*4 60	
Dwight Marsh,	4 38	
Frank Sherbeno,	7 30	
Adam McKinstry,	3 25	
Mrs. Virginia Herbert,	1 60	
Abram Lovely,	1 50	22.22
		22 63
C. A. Paige, cash paid sundrie	es for	
town farm,		22 90
P. Cassian, aid,		17 84
A. Daniels, coal and wood,		
Mrs. Witherell,	\$4 25	
Telesphore Goddard,	4 00	
M. Grant,	3 25	
Eugene Bodro,	3 00	
		14 50

Dr. W. G. Reed, aid and expenses.	
Fred Reynolds. \$13 04	
Examination, F. Sherbeno, 2 00	
	\$15 04
A. L. Desaulniers, aid to	
Francis Rousseau,	12 00
Charles Hyde, wood furnished	
Frank Lacrosse. \$7 50	
Elie Dupuis. 3 50	
	11 00
City of Fitchburg, aid to	
Moses Chasse.	16 40
Dr. A. J. McCrea, services.	
Fred Reynolds, \$5 00	
Family Mrs. Helen L. With-	
erell. 5 00	
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J. D. Blanchard & Co., elothing	
furnished Fred Sherbeno.	10 92
V. W. Lamoureux, goods delivered	
to Mrs. Henry Talbet.	9 (4)
W. C. Callahan, burial child of	
Mrs. Fred Stone. \$7 00	
Team furnished John De-	
laney, 2 00	9 QQ
Mrs. Charles Horton, care of	
Mrs. M. Callahan.	<u> 9</u> (0)
Martin Shields, goods delivered John	ĝ ()()
Kenney, Town Sturbridge, aid to Ed Tarrio dur-	(i (iii)
ing diphtheria epidemic.	5 33
Town Spencer, aid, John Mack,	5 00

Peter Powers, goods to Mrs. John Lovely,	\$5	00		
Mrs. John Barrett, care Mary Witherell,	4	00		
Ezra Witherell, care Helen Witherell,	4	00		
Frank Lacrosse, treatment at Mass. Eye				
and Ear Infirmary,	4	00		
Selina Belford, railroad fare to Provi-				
dence,	3	00		
F. C. Goulding, printing bill heads,	2	50		
Thomas Morgan, order paid F. Reno,	` 2	80		
A. H. Wheeler, goods to Frank Reno,	2	00		
City Boston, aid Carrie Marchessault,	2	00		
W. & W. A. Seavey, transportation to				
town farm of Ann Mitchell,	1	00		
J. B. Plante & Co., clothing furnished				
Fred Sherbeno,	1	89		
A. Dolan, care of H. J. Gallinger,		50		
			\$5,664	47
Balance to credit of account March 1,	1898,		\$704	94
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Balance to credit of account March 1, Repair of Farm Build			\$704	94
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Support of Poor.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,	\$800	23
Appropriation at annual meeting,	2,000	00
Geo. F. Northup, produce sold,	194	24
City Fall River, care Wm. Dalton,	10	43
New England Telephone Co., rebate,		75

\$3,005 65

EXPENDITURES.

George F. Northup and wife, salary,	\$600	00
Peter Bourget, labor at town farm,	288	65
E. C. Ellis, coal and groceries,	127	59
The P. H. Carpenter Co., supplies,	120	49
H. H. French, supplies,	117	17
J. M. Olney, express wagon,	90	00
Paige, Carpenter Co., clothing and supplies,	87	41
F. M. Marble, supplies,	87	57
L. C. Prindle, supplies,	87	32
Henry A. Morse, fertilizer,	76	00
George S. Stone Co., labor and supplies,	55	45
Joseph Bodro, labor on town farm,	54	15
W. D. Morse, supplies,	49	90
Weld & Beck, supplies,	52	67
F. E. Northup, difference between wagons,	50	00
J. B. Brousseau, pair harnesses and labor,	45	50
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co., rental		
and tolls telephone at town farm,	33	20
Frank Lacrosse, labor at town farm,	32	20
George L. Winter, labor and supplies,	27	49
S. Grant, supplies,	18	95
M. P. Webster, supplies,	17	72
H. A. Dresser, supplies,	15	80
Samuel Williams, coffin and robe, John Clark	, 15	00

W. C. Callahan, coffin and robe, John Foley, \$15 00

J. D. Blanchard & Co., clothing,

Drs. Rouse and Pugh, services and medicine,	- 1	UU		
F. Gatineau, supplies,	6	49		
C. A. Paige, cash paid three appraisers,	6	00		
Gilbert Dupuis, repairing shoes,	4	50		
Wm. H. Clarke, supplies,	4	25		
Joseph Green, hauling coal to town farm,	3	00		
J. F. Moynahan, supplies,	5	52		
James H. Mason, labor,	3	85		
G. C. Shepard & Co., medicine,	1	95		
B. W. Paton, medicine,	1	55		
G. H. Hartwell, medicine,	1	35		
W. & W. A. Seavey, hauling hook and				
ladder to town farm,	2	00		
J. Booth & Co., paint,		50		
			\$2,223	44
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Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,			\$782	21

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Common Schools.

RECEIPTS.

		- \$13,252	29
Tuition from other towns,	18 0	0	
Appropriation,	13,200 0	0	
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1	1897, \$34 2	19	

EXPENDITURES.

J. T. Clarke, Superintendent,	to
March 1, 1898,	\$1,400 00
Teachers—	
Elizabeth G. Diman,	175 20
Laura E. Shepardson,	304 20
Mary B. Sherman,	160 60
Frances C. Laurence,	257 40
Louise O. Twombly,	380 00
Mabel J. Newell,	342 00
Mary E. Clemence,	380 00
Susan M. Knight,	342 00
Carolyn H. Parker,	131 40
Margaret E. Dougherty,	210 60
Mary E. McCabe,	342 00
Isabel P. Taylor,	437 00
Alice Holmes,	437 00
A. Rebecca Rowley,	342 00
Agnes M. Meagher,	342 00

Mary Meagher,	\$380 00
Mabel T. Hardy,	131 40
Jennie Simpson,	187 20
Jane Farquhar,	342 00
Mary A. Ellis,	342~00
Ida M. Brown,	42 00
Martha Cutting,	307 80
Margaret G. Butler,	342 00
Clara P. Chase,	342 00
Ida M. Plimpton,	365 40
Margaret L. O'Hara,	224 60
Mary L. Boardman,	342 00
Lizzie E. Morse,	286 60
H. Genevieve Hyde,	171 40
Nettie V. Stone,	190 00
Anna F. Eager,	390 00
Winifred M. Kinney,	148 00
Alice B. Aldrich,	260 60
Carrie M. Holland,	18 00
Mrs. H. N. Carpenter,	85 50
Mabel E. Raftery,	116 80
Adah Childs,	36 00
	
Janitors	
George M. Lovell,	\$285 00
James Brown,	228 00
W. C. Hall,	69 38
Flavien Lescarbo,	43 75
Wm. Sanders,	37 50
I. M. Plimpton,	4 00
M. L. O'Hara,	4 00
P. Caplette,	14 50
Joseph Jagger,	36 25
Jennie Simpson,	8 00
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M. L. Boardman,	\$15	00			
M. C. Caplette,	.20	50			
L. E. Morse,	8	00			
			\$773	88	3
Fuel—					
A. Daniels, wood and coal,	\$439	50			
E. C. Ellis, coal,	175	75			
C. M. Morse, wood,	46	00			
S. Dresser, wood,	8	25			
J. T. Clarke, cash paid sawing	wood, 8	25			
M. Sterlan, sawing wood,	5	75			
James S. Keyes, wood,	2	00			
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Tuition-					
Town of Sturbridge, tuition o	f Eva,				
George and Lillian Angie					
nie and Arthur Fortier, J					
Willie, Lora and Henry P	otvin,				
Addie Cyril, pupils in De					
son district,	\$75	00			
J. H. Mason, tuition of daugh	ter, 14	00			
Mrs. M. E. Irving, tuition	of				
Julius Irving,	5	00			
			94	00	
Transportation—					
M. W. Kelley,			7	00	
					\$12,595 08

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898, \$657 21

Contingent Schools.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,	\$485	00	
Appropriation at annual meeting,	2,700	00	
Books, supplies, etc., sold,	13	67	
			#0.710

\$2,718 52

EXPENDITURES.

J. T. Clarke, sundries,	\$199	66
J. Booth & Co., painting and glazing,	154	18
Ginn & Co., books,	126	14
Southbridge Water Supply Co., water, Main,		
Carpenter and Elm street schools,	120	00
Robert Wardle, painting and glazing,	117	27
Boston School Supply Co., books,	95	29
Charles Hyde, lumber,	90	40
Alexis Boyer, labor and material,	90	24
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies,	87	02
Silver, Burdett & Co., books,	85	58
O. D. Case & Co., desks and supplies,	83	55
Am. Book Co., books,	79	24
M. Egan & Son, painting,	68	99
Wm. H. Clarke, supplies,	65	60
W. C. Lewis, labor and supplies,	58	19
Masury, Young & Co., No-Dusto,	57	60
Eagle Pencil Co., supplies,	54	25
Geo. S. Perry & Co., paper,	52	90
Geo. M. Lovell, labor,	46	50
P. Caplette, labor on desks,	45	00
Edw. E. Babb & Co., books,	44	38
W. & W. A. Seavey, teams J. T. Clarke,	43	25
Geo. F. King & Merrill, supplies,	41	50
Eberhard Faber, pencils,	45	20
Prang Educational Co., supplies,	35	64

F. O. Letcher, cleaning vaults for 3 years,	\$35 50
M. Reynolds, taking school census,	35 00
Calvin Claffin, labor and supplies,	34 25
Holden Patent Book Cover Co., covers,	32 56
Sam'l Ward & Co., paper,	$28 \ 50$
James Brown, labor,	$27 \ 05$
James Brown, truant officer,	25 75
Anna F. Eager, teams,	25 50
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, supplies,	25 50
T. H. Castor & Co., supplies,	24 26
Hyatt School Slate Co., slates,	24 00
A. H. Shepard, grading Elm street,	22 72
D. C. Heath & Co., books,	21 92
A. & E. Burton Co., dusters,	21 23
Robinson & Dougherty, printing,	20 00
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	20 33
Blanchard's Orchestra, music graduation	
exercises,	18 00
W. C. Hall, labor,	19 50
O. T. Cantara, mason work,	17 67
Southbridge Journal, printing,	17 50
Southbridge Press, printing,	15 50
D. Appleton & Co., books,	15 00
The Morse Co., books,	15 00
Allyn & Bacon, books,	15 00
Thorp, Martin Co., liquid slating,	14 40
M. Reynolds, truant officer,	13 75
Werner School Book Co., books,	12 00
Frost & Adams, supplies,	10 17
Jos. Gillot, pens,	10 00
The John Church Co., music,	9 72
C. S. Ayres, supplies,	9 60
G. L. Winter, supplies,	8 88
O. B. Wood, books,	8 00
J. S. Wesby & Sons, binding,	6 65
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Wm. Power, cleaning vaults,	\$6	00
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Thos. Todd, examination papers,		
J. O. Bourque, repairing organ,	5	50
Eldridge & Bro., register,	5	40
C. E. Hill, repairing clock,	5	00
The Irving Co., books,	5	00
C. A. Koehler & Co., books,	3	85
J. A. King, clock,	3	75
W. C. Callahan, use chairs,	3	00
S. Williams, use chairs,	3	00
The Macmillian Co., supplies,	2	98
H. L. Smith, labor and supplies,	2	71
W. D. Morse, supplies,	2	47
M. Farrell, labor,	1	85
E. L. Gay, sharpening knives,	1	86
Maynard, Merrill & Co., books,	1	62
		\$2,707 97

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,

\$10 55

Evening Schools.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account		
March 1, 1897,	\$9	70
Appropriation at annual meeting,	650	00

\$659 70

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers-

E. I. Knowles,	\$108	75
Alice Holmes,	83	00
Martha Cutting,	39	75

Agnes Meagher,	\$62 2	25	
Calvin C. Brackett,	51 2	25	
Nellie F. Ryan,	62 2	25	
Margaret G. Butler,	33 7	' 5	
		- \$441	00
Janitors—			
W. C. Hall,	\$ 6 3	30	
P. Caplette,	23 8		
J. H. Connors,	29 0		
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Fuel and Lights—		90	20
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Southbridge Gas and Electric Co. lights	\$28 1	ຄ	
tric Co., lights,	φ ₂ ο 1		
A. Daniels, wood,			
J. & T. Ryan, oil,	4 3	<u>42</u>	48
Rent-		_ 12	10
	. 4	9.5	00
Division 33, A.O. H., ren	at,	35	
Books and Supplies—			
Educational Publishing		~	
Co., books,	\$13 7		
Ginn & Co., supplies,	5 0		00
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Incidentals—		~	
J. T. Clarke, cash paid o			
P. Caplette, officer,	20 2		
P. Caplette, labor,	3 8	5	
Robinson & Dougherty,		_	
printing,	3 7		
Southbridge Journal, prin			_
S. W. Davis, trucking,	1 2		40
		- 38	
			\$634 56
Balance to credit of accoun	t March	1, 1898,	\$25 14

To

High School.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,	\$695	26		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	2,900	00		
Tuitions,	313	37		
			\$3,908	63

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers—

	F. E. Corbin,	\$1,300	00
	Ransom P. Nichols,	225	00
	Calvin C. Brackett,	375	00
	Sarah L. O'Toole,	206	25
	Elizabeth Perry,	375	00
	Mrs. H. N. Carpenter,	60	25
	Anna F. Eager,	90	00
own	Hall contingent, for janitor's serv-		
	ices and fuel,	500	00

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Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898, \$777 13

School Apparatus.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,	\$42	91		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	200	00		
			\$242	91
EXPENDITURES.				
Thomas Hall & Sons, supplies,	\$89	67		
Chandler & Barker, supplies,	54	30		
Prang Educational Co., books and sup-				
plies,	29	52		

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Balch Bros., books,	\$15	00		
G. C. Shepard & Co., supplies,	13	83		
G. H. Hartwell, supplies, .	9	90		
J. T. Clarke, cash paid for apparatus,	8	00		
Cheney Globe Co., globe,	7	05		
Whitall, Tatum & Co., test tubes,	3	65		
			\$230	92
Balance to credit of account March 1	, 1898,		\$11	99

SELECTMEN.

Abatement of Taxes.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897, \$108 17 Appropriation at annual meeting, 2,000 00

\$2,108 17

EXPENDITURES.

Abatements,

\$1,340 01

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,

\$768 16

Armory Building.

RECEIPTS.

EXPENDITURES.

Alexis Boyer, contract, \$7,000 00
Alexis Boyer, extras, 36 17

\$7,036 17 1,800 00

Central Mills Co., land, G. L. Winter, heating contract, \$715 00

G. L. Winter, extras, 11 79

726 79

G. H. Clemence, plans, \$260 00		
G. H. Clemence, inspection and		
expenses, 11 86		
	\$271	86
Wm. H. Clarke, plumbing and		
extras,	265	18
Southbridge Gas & Electric Co.,		
fixtures and labor,	136	40
E. G. Conant, labor and material,	36	26
Nelson Lavallee, labor, removing		
old building,	34	50
J. A. Whittaker, batter boards,	8	00
		\$10,315 16
Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,		\$315 16

Bridges.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1	897, \$53 22	
Appropriation at annual meeting,	400 00	
Old plank sold,	2 00	
		\$455 22
EXPENDITURES.		
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	\$286 18	
J. Booth & Co., painting Mechanics street	;	
bridge,	81 37	
O. J. Aldrich, labor Central street		
bridge, \$40 00		
O. J. Aldrich, labor North street		
bridge, 19 21		
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O. B. E. Chipman, labor of men,	\$43	25		
Town of Sturbridge, one-half expense of				
repair of Westville bridge,	30	66		
			\$500	67
Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,			\$45	45
Contingent.				
RECEIPTS.				
Appropriation at annual meeting,			\$2,500	00
EXPENDITURES.				
Account overdrawn March 1, 1897,	- \$233	36		
E. M. Phillips, returning births, marriage	es			
and deaths, clerk of registrars, at-	070	0.0		
tending town meeting, etc.,	252			
Election expenses, April, 1897,	169			
A. C. Moore, surveying,	158			
H. B. Montague, town counsel,	- 135	00		
H. A. Morse, inspector of cattle, 1896	105	0.0		
and 1897,	125			
W. H. Claffin, Main street crosswalk,	177			
Joseph L. Woodbury, stone bounds, etc.,		85		
J. A. Whittaker, surveying,		00		
Election expenses, Nov. 1897,		00		
Field Day expenses,		00		
Worcester Gas Light Co., tar,	56	25		
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., rental and toll tele-	-			
phone, selectmens' office,		22		
O. B. E. Chipman, labor trimming trees,	52	50		
W. H. Claffin, sidewalk River and Mill	~~	0.7		
streets,	53	25		

W. H. Claffin, sidewalk Central street,	\$45 50
H. L. Smith, inspector plumbing,	41 00
L. N. Duquette, police duty at Morris	
street school,	30 00
M. L. Dillaber, serving town and dog	
warrants,	35 00
O. J. Aldrich, labor and material steps	
in front depot,	50 49
Southbridge Water Supply Co., water,	
drinking fountain to April 1, 1898,	50 00
P. N. LeClair, settling damage to horses	
caused by absence of railing Pleas-	
ant street,	50 00
J. J. Bowlen, sprinkling streets,	30 00
Special police duty July 4 and 5,	73 00
Board selectmen, expenses on state and	
electric road,	29 95
Calvin Claffin, labor on store room in	
basement of armory,	28 00
J. W. Ellam, stamped envelopes,	26 20
F. X. Lariviere, returning deaths, 1896	
and 1897,	38 25
W. C. Callahan, disinfecting houses of	
W. Flor (2), Z. Desaulniers,	
Weinberg and White,	30 00
J. M. Olney, cash paid fighting fires,	47 40
O. B. E. Chipman, pay roll,	35 76
J. A. Genereux, returning births in 1897,	$25 \ 25$
J. S. E. Ferland, returning births in 1897,	25 75
W. A. Seavey, teams for assessors and	
state aid,	24 00
J. M. Cochian, services and expenses in	
hearing and getting dismissed peti-	
tion of L. Morton Est. for land	
damages,	19 62

W. H. Claffin, grading around new ar-	
mory, gutter and culvert, Hook	
and Central streets,	\$20 64
Henry Hay, dinners election officers in	
November,	19 50
O. B. E. Chipman, cash paid sundries,	15 00
H. B. Montague, town counsel expenses,	15 35
J. M. Olney, stamps and stationery,	12 75
W. C. Lewis, labor and material,	16 08
J. J. Bowlen, assessors' teams,	12 00
Central Mills Co., flushing sewer for 1897,	10 00
J. M. Olney, gravel and paving,	10 60
Southbridge Gas and Electric Co., light-	
ing selectmens' and auditors'	
office,	36 36
M. E. Kelley, plumbing inspector,	10 75
F. Jacobs, services,	10 30
Putnam, Davis Co., book,	11 00
Wm. C. Callahan, returning deaths, 1897,	11 75
S. Williams, returning deaths,	9 25
Dr. A. J. McCrea, returning births, 1897,	6 25
Dr. W. G. Reed, returning births, 1897,	5 50
Dr. P. L. Creedon, returning births,	
1895 and 1896,	8 25
Dr. F. Gauthier, returning births, 1895	
and 1896,	4 50
W. H. Clarke, labor and care of fountain,	6 00
E. T. Torrey, fighting forest fires,	6 00
F. X. Lariviere, disinfecting house of J.	
B. Trembly,	5 00
Greenough, Adams & Cushing, ink,	6 50
Frank Surprenant, labor with A. C. Moore	
surveying Charlton road,	7 88
J. S. Dresser, town warrant,	5 00
Luke Reilly, special police duty,	8 00

J. M. Olney, cash paid police duty,	\$5	00	
Wm. H. Clarke, supplies,	4	05	
Luke Reilly, burial dead dog,	3	00	
Robinson & Dougherty, printing burial			
permits,	2	50	
Dr. F. H. Olin, returning births, 1897,	2	50	
Dr. F. W. Edwards, returning births, 1896			
and 1897,	4	00	
Dr. L. E. LeRiche, returning births, 1897,	2	25	
G. L. Winter, supplies,	2	00	
Morgan, Crossman & Co., pens,	3	50	
Felix Caderette, cartage of town reports,		75	
S. D. Perry, auditors' journal,		30	
N. E. Putney, 4 keys to selectmens' office,	1	00	
N. E. R. R. Co., rental for privilege to			
maintain sewer pipe across R. R.			
tracks at depot,	1	00	
Metallic Guide Board Co., sign, Forest			
avenue,		75	
			\$2,815 41
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Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,			\$315 41
Coombs Street.			
RECEIPTS.			
Appropriation at annual meeting,			\$750 00
EXPENDITURES.			
O. B. E. Chipman, labor, self and men,	\$407	52	
O. B. E. Chipman, teams,	266	26	
J. M. Olney, 596 loads gravel,	59	60	
	-	-	\$733 38
Balance to credit of account March 1,	1898.		\$16 62

District Court Fees.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,	\$498	11	
Appropriation at annual meeting,	100	00	
Fees and fines,	217	57	
			9:8

\$815 68

EXPENDITURES.

Worcester	County	Truant	School, s	up-
port of				
Geo	orge Poul	lind,	\$104	00
		-		

George Bullock, 104 00 Howard Witherell, 98 00 George Dufernie, 61 86 Joseph Berthiaume. 22 00

\$389 86

Frank Trembly, meals for pris-

 oners,
 100 10

 Officers' fees,
 93 58

 M. Reynolds, fees,
 33 25

\$616 79

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,

\$198 89

Enforcement Liquor Law.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,

\$655 84

EXPENDITURES.

\$000 00

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,

\$655 84

Elm Street Sidewalk.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897, \$12 58

Transferred to unappropriated funds, \$12 58

Engine Men.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting, \$1,910 00

EXPENDITURES.

 Steamer Co. No. 1,
 \$590 00

 Steamer Co. No. 2,
 590 00

 Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1,
 265 00

 Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2,
 265 00

 Four engineers,
 200 00

 \$1,910 00

Electrician.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897, \$150 00 Appropriation at annual meeting, 150 00

\$300 00

EXPENDITURES.

A. F. Hall, electrician, \$150 00

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898, \$150 00

Fire Department.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,	\$1,850			
A. H. Sherwood, use of fire apparatus,	35	00	₱	0.0
			\$1,885	00
` EXPENDITURES.				
Account overdrawn March 1, 1897,	\$115	85		
N. E. Gamewell Co., 1 second hand repeate	\mathbf{r}			
and connecting same,	250	00		
J. J. Bowlen, horses,	190	00		
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co., mdse	., 123	74		
W. & W. A. Seavey, horses,	100	00		
Hamilton Woolen Co., horses,	89	00		
George S. Stone Co., painting and varnish	1-			
ing hose carriages,	88	50		
Wm. Booth, coal for No. 2 engine house,	78	00		
Southbridge Gas & Electric Co., lightin	g			
houses,	64	90		
Cole Bros., repairing steamer No. 2,	64	61		
N. S. Viall, horses,	54	50		
Hamilton Woolen Co., vitriol,	44	34		
C. P. Phipps, express, supplies and labor,	42	88		
E. C. Ellis, coal,	37	50		
J. B. Prescott & Son, zinc,	29	00		
Southbridge Water Supply Co., water				
No. 2 house,	27	00		
Worcester Rubber Co., hose, coats an	d			
boots,	36	10		
N. E. Gamewell Co., supplies,	22	59		
Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance Co.,				
insurance of steamers,	25	00		
E. G. Conant, labor and material,	15	25		

Otto Carlson, supplies,

8 75

Joseph Ouimette, setting tires,	\$7	00		
G. L. Winter, labor and supplies,	7	79		
Patrick Flynn,	5	00		
Robert Wardle, labor and material,	4	63		
Thomas Plante & Co., rubber boots,	5	00		
C. F. Marble, freight and cartage,	4	82		
C. M. Kimball, metal polish,	4	00		
Louis Lamothe, labor and material,	4	96		
W. H. Gulison, packing,	4	20		
George B. Works, labor and supplies,	4	38		
Peter Caplette, labor on H. & L. barn,	3	00		
W. L. Ferry, team,	2	00		
Benj. W. Paton, supplies,	2	85		
Robinson & Dougherty, printing blanks,	2	50		
N. S. Viall, board of J. Wilke,	2	00		
		- -	\$1,571	62
Balance to credit of account March 1,	1898,		\$313	38

Fourth of July Celebration 1897.

RECEIPTS

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Appropriation at annual meeting,	\$100	00
EXPENDITURES.		
Cash paid Southbridge National Band, \$45 00		
Cash paid for fireworks, 51 85		
	\$96	85
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,	\$3	15

Gravel Walk, Benefit Street.

Appropriation at annual	meeting,	\$75	00
	0		

EXPENDITURES.

O. B. E. Chipman, labor self, men and teams,

\$67 20 7 80

\$30,000 00

J. M. Olney, gravel,

Grammar School Building.

RECEIPŢS.

Appropriation,
Premium on notes,
Overpaid order,

EXPENDITURES.

Labor-

S. K. Edwards, self and men, \$2,238 88

Calvin Claffin, pay roll masons, 4,116 25

A. Boyer, pay roll carpenters, 1,698 50

John O'Gara, self and men slat-

ing, 287 57 Joseph Proulx, self and men slat-

ing, $205^{\circ}25$

A. Farland, painting and mate-

rials, 184 84 J. J. Buckley, labor brown stone

work, 83 34

E. G. Conant, gas fitting, 20 95 Peter Caplette, 12 00

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Material-

S. Dresser, brick, \$3,487 25

J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber, 2,919 11

A. Daniels, lumber, cement and			
lime,	\$985	67	
John A. Hayes & Co., iron,	357	00	
S. Dresser, sand,	252	00	
G. L. Winter, supplies,	198	95	
Waldo Bros., pecora red and			
iron pipe,	148	27	
Hamilton Woolen Co., sand,	66	00	
J. M. Olney, stone and gravel,	59	80	
Sidewalk account, brick,	49	00	
Mrs. S. C. Hartwell, foundation			
stone,	46	00	
E. J. Pigson, flag pole and rope,	44	00	
J. W. Pinkham & Co., nails and			
cement,	43	30	
M. N. Cartier, roofing paper,	40	42	
H. C. Fish & Co., R. R. iron,	30	45	
F. D. Dresser, foundation stone,	20	00	
J. R. Harris, foundation stone,	17	00	
N. E. R. R. Co., R. R. iron,	16	$5\overline{5}$	
Highway account, broken stone,	9	10	
A. L. Hyde, brick,	7	25	
Southbridge Gas & Electric Co.,			
broken stone,	5	60	
Central Mills Co., sacking,	4	43	
_			\$8,807 15
Plans and specifications—			
Penn Varney, plans furnished			
school committee,	\$428	33	
	1,100		
			1,528 33

Contract work-

Shea & Donnelly, brown stone, \$1,585 00

D. A. Young & Co., copper
work and extras, \$1,030 35
D. A. Andrews, iron work, 828 00
Joseph L. Woodbury & Co., un-
derpinning and granite
work, 740 18
Brownville Slate Co., slate, 675 00
Brownville Slate Co., snow
guards, 104 00
Wolfe Warming & Ventilating
Co., on account heating
contract, 1,900 00
S. K. Edwards, excavating cel-
lar, 276 50

Incidental account—
New England R. R. Co., freight, \$309 88 Committee expenses, 191 35
J. Ouimette & Son, labor and material, 120 61
material, 120 61 J. A. Whittaker, batter boards
and setting underpinning, 39 00
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George W. Faulkner, board John Buckley, 24 00
Southbridge Water Supply Co.,
pipe, labor and water to
Dec. 1, 1897, 25 11
J. M. Olney, cash paid freight
and express, 21 50
W. H. Clarke, supplies, 19 84
S. A. Coney, canvas cover for
brick, 11 95
Inspection of building, 15 00
imposition of building,

George S. Stone Co., labor and				
· material,	\$7	60		·
W. C. Lewis, stove and fixtures,	5	93		
Southbridge Press, printing,	4	00		
F. Gatineau, 3 lard barrels,	1	50		
			\$821	27
				\$27,143 36
Balance to credit of account	Mar	ch 1	1898	83 677 84

Highways.

Appropriation at annual meeting,	\$6,500	00		
Southbridge & Sturbridge R. R. Co.,	50	00		
New grammar school building, brick,	9	10		
Sewer plans,	21	00		
O. B. E. Chipman, dirt sold,	9	00		
			86.589	10
EXPENDITURES.				
Account overdrawn March 1, 1897,	\$1,048	63		
O. B. E. Chipman and men, \$3,484 03				
teams, 2,031 42				
	5,515	45		
Snow Account—				
O. B. E. Chipman and men, \$359 17				
W. H. H. Cheney and men, 13 75				
C. M. Morse and men, 10 00				
	382	92		
A. H. Shepard, men and teams,	98	83		
W. H. Claffin and men, paving				
gutters,	180	60		

George S. Stone Co., labor and		
material,	\$77	85
Ellen J. Bartholomew, gravel,	170	00
J. M. Olney, gravel,	51	60
A. F. Haskell, repairing roads,		
Bacon district,	40	00
Mass. Broken Stone Co., car		
broken stone,	29	01
M. N. Cartier, asphalt,	23	99
John Flood, care crossings,	25	00
G. L. Winter, materials,	26	19
W. H. Clarke, materials,	12	50
Litchfield Shuttle Co., supplies,	4	85
Louis Desrosiers, repairing tools,	4	15
P. H. Carpenter Co., fuse and		
brimstone,	1	75
Weld & Beck, shovels,	1	65
		\$7,694 97
Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,		\$1,105 87

Headstones Revolutionary Soldiers.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,	\$50 00
M. D. Morrill, labor and supplies,	\$47 50
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,	\$2 50

Hose Carriages and Hose.

Balance to credit of	f account March 1, 1897,	\$1 99
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EXPENDITURES.

Transferred to unappropriated funds,

\$1 99

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Interest.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897.	\$450	76	
Appropriation at annual meeting,	3.500	00	
			\$4.2.

EXPENDITURES.

Interest on town hall bonds.	\$2.600	(11)	
Sewer notes,	679	00	
Anticipation of taxes.	413	87	
Armory loan,	100	00	
New engine house note,	80	00	
Marcy street school-house lot note,	37	50	
			200

\$3,910 37

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898.

\$340 39

Insurance.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897, - \$51-68 Appropriation at annual meeting, 800-00

\$851 68

EXPENDITURES.

E. M. Phillips & Son— \$1,500 on Main street school, expires March 17, 1902, \$34 20

\$6,200 on printed books, furni-			
ture and fixtures, expires			
April 13, 1898,	\$88	66	
600 on Sumner Dist., school, .			
expires April 1, 1900,	11	40	
600 on Bacon school,	7	50	
2,000 on Sandersdale school,	56	00	
2,000 on books in library,	25	64	
1,500 on storage barn, Hook			
& Ladder, tools, etc.,	60	70	
3,000 on engine house, police			
station, 3 years,	70	50	
1,000 on contents engine house,	25	80	
2,500 on library,	33	00	
2,000 on Pleasant street school,	50	88	
1,700 on School street school,	00	00	
2,000 on Union street school			
house,	45	60	
3,000 on School street school,			
3 years,	45	88	
3,600 on Main street school, 3			
years,	31		
2,100 on Main street school,		00	
2,000 on Main street school,	20		
3,000 on engine house No. 2,	24		
3,000 on engine house No. 2,	24	00	#004 00
			\$664 68
W. P. Plimpton—			
\$1,000 on books in library to	/t. ◀ /\	0.0	
0 dij 2, 2000,	\$10	60	
1,000 on books in library to		0.4	
July 1, 1898,	11	34	
5,000 on town hall and fur-	50	00	
nishings,	56		
2,000 on armory, 3 years,	36	00	

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\$2,000 on armory, 3 years, 1,500 on armory, 3 years, 2,500 on engine house No. 2, to Sept. 23, 1900, 28 0	00	2
Account overdrawn March 1, 1898	8, \$18 8	34
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Militia.	•	
RECEIPTS.		
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1	897. \$15 14	
Appropriation,	200 00	
From state treasurer,	300 00.	
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EXPENDITURES	· ·	
L. H. Tiffany, rent,	\$350 50	
Southbridge Gas & Electric Co., lighting	g, 99 17	
E. J. Bartholomew, rent rifle range,	75 00	
A. Daniels, coal and wood,	72 75	
E. C. Ellis, coal,	60 00	
H. L. Brousseau, services as janitor,	10 00	
M. Reynolds, janitor new armory, 3 mos		
J. A. Whittaker, plans for armory,	25 00	
G. L. Winter, supplies,	21 78	
Southbridge Water Supply Co., water to Oct. 1, '97,		
Southbridge Water Supply Co., water	7 00	
new armory,	10 00	
C. H. Ullrich, heating,	15 00	
C. Claffin, connecting armory with sewe		
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Edward Lamoureux, work on rifle pit, Jas. Higgins, work on rifle pit, —	\$6 3	50	\$795	95
Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,			\$280	81

Mechanics Street Extension

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,				\$1,000	00
EXPEN	DITURES.				
O. B. E. Chipman, labor self a	and				
men,	\$600 61				
labor, teams,	$253 \ 00$				
		\$853	61		
J. M. Olney, gravel,	\$75 90				
J. M. Olney, posts,	2 40				
		78	30		
J. A. Whittaker, surveying,		5	00		
	-			\$936	91
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,				\$63	09

Military Aid.

RECEIPTS.				
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,	\$122	00		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	200	00		
From state treasurer,	60	00		
_			\$382	00

EXPENDITURES.	
Charles L. Horton, \$110 00	
Edward Armes, 110 00	
David Fairfield, 40 00	
Frank Seymour, 32 00	#202 00
	\$292 00
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,	\$90 00
Memorial Day.	
RECEIPTS.	
Appropriation at annual meeting,	\$100 00
EXPENDITURES.	
Malcolm Ammidown Post, No. 168, G. A. R.,	\$100 00
New Engine House.	
RECEIPTS.	
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,	\$8 41
EXPENDITURES.	
Transferred to unappropriated funds,	\$8 41
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Police Station.	
RECEIPTS.	
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897, \$49 97	
Appropriation at annual meeting, 350 00	
Lockup fees, 1 00	
	\$400 97

EXPENDITURES.				
Frank Trembly, salary as janitor,	\$1 30	08		
Frank Trembly, special work,	2	00		
E. C. Ellis, coal,	45	75		
Southbridge Gas and Electric Co., light-				
ing,	20	70		
Southbridge Water Supply Co., water to				
April 1, 1898,	13	00		
G. L. Winter, supplies,	4	85		
N. E. Putney, repairing lock,	4	25		
H. L. Smith, labor,	3	86		
Southbridge Press, printing 500 blanks,	3	50		
Edward Langlois, wood,	2	50		
Penuel Plimpton, wood,	2	00		
A. Daniels, wood,	1	75		
G. H. Hartwell, medicine for sick persons,	1	00		
-			\$235	24
Balance to credit of account March 1,	1898,		\$165	73

James Monroe,

Thos. Holden,

Chas. Curtin,

Police Duty.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account Appropriation at annual a		\$00 600		\$600	50
E	XPENDITURES.			ф000	00
Luke Reilly,		\$90	00		
J. B. Perrault,		60	00		
James Monroe,		60	00		

60 00

58 00

Wm. H. Brown,	\$27 50	
T. H. Comberbach,	3 50	
ar ar common and		\$359 00
Balance to credit of account March 1,	1898,	\$241 50
Printing.		
RECEIPTS.		
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897	. \$178 58	
Appropriation,	500 00	
		\$678 58
EXPENDITURES.		
Robinson & Dougherty, printing audit-		
ors', library, and school reports,		
advertisements, bills, etc.,	\$449 96	
Geo. Grant, election supplies, license		
blanks, collector's notices, adver-		
tisements, etc.,	182 35	
Southbridge Journal, advertisements, etc.,	50 25	
		\$682 56
Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,		\$3 98
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Railings.		
RECEIPTS.		
Appropriation at annual meeting,		\$500 00
EXPENDITURES.		
Account overdrawn March 1, 1897,	\$244 72	
O. B. E. Chipman, labor, self, men and		
teams,	160 18	

J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	\$64	04		
M. Egan & Son, labor and material, paint-				
ing,	38	33		
O. B. E. Chipman, materials,	29	00		
Charles Hyde, lumber,	28	36		
J. T. McKinstry, labor and material				
painting,	24	60		
Charles Angier, labor and materials,	23	80		
J. Booth & Co., labor and materials,				
painting,	21	50		
G. L. Winter, supplies,	5	40		
W. C. Lewis, supplies,	1	13		
			\$641	06
Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,			\$141	06
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Repairs of Police S	tation	•		
RECEIPTS.				
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,			\$16	68
EXPENDITURES.				
			\$00	00
Balance to credit of account March	1, 1898,		\$16	68
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Retaining Wall, Sturbridge Road.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,	\$370	12
EXPENDITURES.		
Transferred to unappropriated funds,	\$370	12

Salaries.

RECEIPTS.

EXPENDITURES.

Board of Selectmen— O. B. E. Chipman, J. M. Olney, Calvin Claffin,		\$300 00
Overseers of the Poor—		
C. A. Paige,		
L. Wesley Curtis,		
Felix Gatineau,		300 00
Board of Health—		
F. H. Olin,		
C. C. Bradford,		
Jacob Booth,		150 00
Board of Registrars		
S. T. Cutting,	\$10 00	
W. D. Morse,	23 20	
G. W. Corey,	23 20	
W. F. Herron,	13 20	
		69 60
E. M. Phillips, clerk of Re	gistrars and	
copying,		43 30
Board of Assessors—		
F. Jacobs,	\$115 00	
V. W. Lamoureux,	253 75	
S. K. Edwards,	223 75	
,		592 50

Board of Auditors to March 1, 1898—				
C. Fred Hill,				
S. D. Perry,				
J. A. Whittaker,	\$141	00		
John A. Hall, Town Treasurer for 1897,	350	00		
J. M. Olney, Tax Collector for 1896,	350	00		
J. W. Marble, care town clock for 1896,	32	00		
N. E. Putney, sealer of weights and				
measures for 1896,	11	50		
· ·			\$2,339	90
Balance to credit of account March	1, 1898,		\$351	20

Sandersdale Road Improvements.

RECEIPTS.		
Palance to credit of account March 1, 1897,	\$00	07
EXPENDITURES.		
Transferred to unappropriated funds,	\$00	07

Sewer Committee Plans.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting, Appropriation,	\$500 500	00	\$1,000	00
EXPENDITURES.				
Frank L. Fuller, surveys, plans, profiles, and report on proposed sewer sys-				

and report on proposed sewer system, 22.59 miles surveyed at \$30 as agreed, \$767 06

Frank L. Fuller, plans for sewers, 210 00

Twelve days' labor assisting surveyor,	\$21	00		
W. and W. A. Seavey, teams furnished,	10	00		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-		\$1,008	06
Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,			\$8	06
Corrora				
Sewers.				
. RECEIPTS.				
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,			\$283	71
EXPENDITURES.				
John A. Whittaker, plans for sewer on Hamilton and other streets, W. H. Claflin, labor on sewer, Union	\$120	00		
street,	86	15		
W. H. Claffin, labor on sewer, Oliver				
street,	70	25		
Waldo Bros., sewer pipe,	65	35		
N. E. R. Co., freight on sewer pipe,	11	0.2		
and castings,		93	\$356	68
Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,			\$72	.97
Specifications and Plans New Gr	amn	nar	Scho	oI.
RECEIPTS.				
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897	,		\$410	00

District to credit of theodeline little in 1, 1001,	# 110 00
EXPENDITURES.	
	\$000 00
Balance to credit of account March 1 1898	\$410.00

Special Fire Alarm Boxes.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897, \$5 75

EXPENDITURES.

Transferred to unappropriated funds, \$5 75

Sidewalk Between Pine and Union Streets.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting, \$400 00

EXPENDITURES.

W. H. Claffin, labor self, men and teams,
New York Coal Tar Chemical Co., tar and pitch,
93 00

A. F. Hiscock, granite curbing, 102 88

\$503 10 -----

Account overdrawn March 1, 1898, \$103 10

Sidewalk Repairs.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting, \$1,200 00

Brick sold, 53 25

Tar barrels sold, 35 90

\$1,289 15

EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1897,	\$329	84
W. H. Claffin, labor self, men and teams,	722	87
Worcester Gas Light Co., tar.	98	00

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N. E. R. R. Co., freight,	\$52	80		
J. M. Olney, gravel,	22	90		
M. N. Cartier, asphalt,	22	82	,	
Geo. S. Stone Co., repairing tools,	15	99		
G. L. Winter, supplies,	11	93		
New York Coal, Tar & Chemical Co., pitch,	11	50		
Charles Hyde, wood,	9	50		
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	8	71		
W. H. Clarke, supplies,	7	10		
A. Daniels, wood,	3	00		
E. C. Ellis, supplies,	1	42		
-			\$1,318	38
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Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,		`	\$29	23
Sidewalk Between Park and Su	mm	er	Street	ts.
RECEIPTS.				
Appropriation at annual meeting,			\$400	00
EXPENDITURES.				
W. H. Claffin, labor self, men and teams,	\$298	14		
Worcester Gas Light Co., tar,	62			
N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Co.,	28			
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, labor and materials,				
			\$399	45
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1	898,		\$00	55
Sidewalk, Toboggan I	fill.			
RECEIPTS.				
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,			800	05

Transferred to unappropriated funds,

Summer Street Sidewalk.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,

\$27 87

EXPENDITURES.

\$00 00

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897, \$534 31

\$27 87

\$834 31

State Aid.

RECEIPTS.

Diffined to ordate of moodant matter 1, 1	.coi, \$001 01	
Appropriation at annual meeting,	200 00	
From state treasurer,	780 00	
		\$1,514 31
EXPENDITURE	s.	
W. E. Horton,	\$72 00	
Fred Kind,	72 00	
Jean P. Boniface,	60 00	
Fred L. Holmes,	66 00	
Linus Albee,	48 00	
Lucian Bates,	48 00	
Samuel Young,	50 00	
Simeon Young,	48 00	
Louis Rivers,	48 00	
John Stone,	48 00	
C. A. Wesson,	48 00	
C. L. Newhall,	44 00	
Wm. G. Coffin,	16 00	
Anna Kind,	8 00	
Frank Seymour,	4 00	
		\$680 00

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,

\$309 25

Street Lights.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March	1, 1897, \$170	85		
Appropriation at annual meeting.	6,000	00		
Are lights,	77	35		
Incandescent lights,	77	35		
Westville road light appropriation.	75	00		
			\$6,400	55

EXPENDITURES.

Southbridge Gas and Electric Co., elec-				
trie lights,	\$6,043	30		
Southbridge Gas and Electric Co., gas				
for fountain light to Oct. 1, 1897,	30	00		
W. J. Douty, care of fountain light,	18	00		
			\$6,091	30

Street lights in use March 1, 1898, furnished by the Southbridge Gas and Electric Co.

1 Arc light on Crane street 1200 candle power, free.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,

59 Arc lights, 1200 candle power, at \$78.66 per year.

84 series Incandescent lights, 25 candle power, at \$15.50 per year.

4 series Incandescent lights, 65 candle power, at \$39.33 per year.

Town Pound.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,	\$50 00
EXPENDITURES.	
	*00 00
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,	\$50 00

Town Hall Contingent.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1897,	\$569	31		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	500	00		
Transferred from high school account,	500	00		
Rental of hall,	142	00		
			\$1,711	31
EXPENDITURES.				
P. Caplette, janitor,	\$600	00		
E. C. Ellis, coal,	217	00		
Southbridge Gas and Electric Co., light-				
ing building,	206	87		
C. Stewart & Sons, labor and material on				
boilers,	135	49		
C. Claffin, labor and material,	101	07		
Southbridge Water Supply Co., water,	80	00		
Sternberg & Co., decorating hall,	50	00		
P. Allard, labor and material,	23	20		
Jos. Proulx, labor and material,	27	43		
J. M. Olney, cash paid for repairing boilers,	17	60		
P. Caplette, extra labor and material,	19	35		
G. L. Winter, supplies,	- 9	00		
T. J. Harrington, plants.	4	00		
J. Booth & Co., labor and material,	10	20		
C. F. Marble, freight and cartage boiler				
flues.	3	98		
F. Gatineau, supplies,	4	35		
M. Egan & Son, labor,	2	.75		
J. M. Olney, cash for police at hall,	3	00		
H. L. Smith, labor and material,	3	36		
W. H. Clarke, supplies,	1	08		
W. C. Edgett, sharpening lawn mower,	1	00		
			\$1,520	73

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,

\$190 58

War Relief.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,	\$1,000	00	
Town of Warren, account O.B. Rumrill,			
			\$1,144 00
EXPENDITURES			
Account overdrawn March 1, 1897,	\$230	82	
O. B. Rumrill,	144	00	
Fred Laplante,	144	00	
Mrs. Abbie Barrett,	144	00	
Ellen Galloway,	120	00	
Flabien Lescarbeau,	96	00	
Mrs. Louis Bouldie,	72	00	
Charles Bartlett,	54	00	
Catherine Kane,	48	00	
David Fairfield	30	00	
Harriet Armes,	10	00	
John Stone, clothing,	10	00	
Joseph Corey,	10	00	
Mrs. Charles Horton,	. 8	00	
Samuel Williams, burial Joseph			
Corey, \$35 00			
Samuel Williams, burial Wm.			
Coffin, 35 00			
	70	00	
LeClair & Co., goods for			
Mrs. Dinsmore, \$20 92			
Mrs. Charles Horton, 14 00			
	34	92	
F. Gatineau, goods for Mrs Charles			
Horton,	35	00	
Albert Moore, board and expenses at hos-			
pital,	21	60	
J. S. Gleason, goods for Fred Holmes,	15	00	

Franklin Jacobs, rent L. Albee	,	\$40	00
Savings Bank, rent L. Albee,		12	00
H. T. Hyde, goods for			
Mrs. Charles Horton,	\$6 25		
Harriet Armes,	3 00		
Fred Holmes,	2 00		
		11	25
Dr. A. J. McCrea, attendance	Mrs. Horton,	26	~ ~
Dr. F. H. Olin, attendance Fran	nk Seymour,	29	
Charles Horton, clothing and g	roceries,	11	50
J. B. Plante, goods for			
Frank Seymour,	\$7 65		
C. L. Newhall,	9 00		
		16	65
W. D. Morse, goods for	# ≈ 00		
Ed. Armes,	\$5 00		
Mrs. Dinsmore,	5 00	4.0	0.0
		10	00
J. D. Blanchard & Co., goods for	r		
John Stone,	\$5 00		
Ed. Armes,	3 96		
		8	96
Paige, Carpenter Co., goods, Li	nus Albee,	11	00
Gilbert Theriault, wood for Ed	. Armes,	8	00-
Augustus Daniels, wood, Linus	Albee,	6	50
H. W. Albee, care of Linus All		7	50
C. W. Holmes, care of Linus A		3	00
Benj. W. Paton, medicine,		6	70
Wm. Power & Son, goods,	Charles		
Horton,		4	00
Frank Hefner, clothing and sho	oes,	_	75
Frank Seymour, aid,		3	00

Charles Hyde, wood for Charles Horton,	\$2	75		
J. B. Proulx, meat for Charles Horton,	2	00		
Wm. Chicoine, goods for Charles Horton,	5	00		
,			\$1,526	40
Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,			\$382	40
Water Supply.				
RECEIPTS.				
Appropriation at annual meeting,			\$1,500	00
EXPENDITURES.				
Account overdrawn March 1, 1897,	\$22	50		
Southbridge Water Supply Co., rent hy-				
drants, April 1, 1897, to Oct. 1,				
1897,	750	00		
Rental from Oct. 1, 1897, to April 1,				
1898,	700	00		
Rental hydrant at Coombs street to				
April 1, 1898,	18	88		
			\$1,491	38
Balance to credit of account March 1,	1898,		\$8	62

VALUATIONS.

Valuations of the Town of Southbridge,

AS ASSESSED MAY 1, 1897.

Valuation of real e	state,	\$2,764,434	00	
Valuation of person	nal estate,	824,738	00	
•			\$3,589,172	00
Gain on real estate	•		30,083	00
Loss on personal es	state,		3,475 (00
Total tax, state, co	unty, town an	d overlayings,	57,652	20
Rate of taxation, p	er \$1,000,	, ,	15 4	10
Number of residen	ts assessed on	property,	1,002	
Number of non-res	idents assessed	on property,	115	
Number of persons	assessed for p	oll tax only,	1.117	
-		-	2,28	34
Number of assessed	horses,		65	39
	cows,		58	83
	sheep,		(97
	neat cattle of	her than cows	, 20)3
	swine,		(94
	dwelling hous	ses,	96	98
	fowls,		1,91	10
	acres of land,		12,38	

Valuation of Center Watch District.

Valuation of real and personal estate,	\$1,552,208 00)
Gain in valuation from that in 1896,	35,985 00)
Amount raised by taxation,	1,940 28	3
Rate of taxation, per \$1,000,	1 25	5

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ACCOUNTS.	Approprie-		Unex-	Over-	Appropria-
ACCOUNTS.	tions and	tures.	pended.	drawn.	tions Rec-
	Receipts.				ommended
Abatement of Taxes	\$2,108 17	¢1 240 01	0"00 to		3 00 00
Armory Building	10,000 00	10.315 16	5100 16	8315 16	1,000 00
Bridges	455 22	500 67		45 45	1,000 00
Cemetery Fund	9,049 25				
Cemetery Improvement	2,951 26 13,252 29	2,922 37 12 595 08	28 8F		2,500 00 15,500 00 3,000 00 2,950 00
Contingent Account	2,500 00	2,815 41	001 21	315 41	3,000 00
Contingent Schools	2,718 52	2,707 97	10 55		2,950 00
Coombs Street	750 00	733 38	16 62		
District Court Fees Electrician	815 68 390 00	616 79 150 00	198 89		300 00 150 00
Elm Street Sidewalk		12 58	100 00		1:50 (40)
Enforcement of Liquor Law	655 84		6.5.) 84		
Engine Men	1,910 00	1,910 00			
Evening Schools		634 56	25 14		650 00 1,500 00
Fire Department	1,885 00 100 00	1,571 62 96 85	3 15		1,500 00
Grammar School Building	30,821 20	27,143 36	3,677 84		
Gravel Walk, Benefit Street	75 00				
Headstones Rev. Soldiers	50 00	47.50	2 50		7,5°0 00 2,860 00 800 00 3,200 00
Highways	6.589 10 3,908 63	7,694 97	10	1,105 87	7,5 0 00
High School	3,908 63	1 99	(11 1.)		2,800 00
Insurance	851 68	870 52		18 54	800 00
Interest	4,250 76	3,910 37	340 39		3,200 00
Mechanics Street Extension	1,000 00	936 91	63 09		
Memorial Day	100 00 515 14	100 00		10 000	190 00
Military Aid.	382 00	292 00	90.00	260 81	200 00
Military Aid	1,076 68	14 25	1,062 43		190 00 500 00 200 00
New Engine House	8 41	8 41			5,000 00 200 00 300 00
Outside Poor	6.359 41	5,664 47	704 94		5,000 00
Police Duty	60.) 50 400 97	359 00	241 00		200 00
Printing	678 58	682 56	100 (0	3 98	Sec. 00
Public Library	2,803 67	2 793 44	80 93	.,	1,800 00
		247 00	CO 20		200 00 300 00 800 00 1,800 00 & dog fund 500 00
Railings Repairs on Farm Buildings	500 00 397 32	120 65	25" ("	141 06	500 00
Repairs on Police Station	16 68	199 69	16 68		
Retaining Wall, Sturbridge Road,	370 12	370 12			
Retaining Wall, Sturbridge Road, Salaries Sandersdale Road Improvement, School Apparatus	2,691 10	2.339 90	351 20		2 300 00
Sandersdale Road Improvement,	07	320 03	11 (0)		
Sewers	242 91 283 71	356 68	11 999		270 00
Sewer Committee Plans	1,000 00	1,008 06		8 06	
Sidewalk Pine and Union Streets.	400 00	503 10		103 10	
Sidewalk Park & Summer Streets,	400 00	399 45	55.		2 390 00 290 00 1,200 00
Sidewalk Repairs	1,289 15 65,251 03	1,318 38	65 951 09	29 23	1,200 00
Sinking Fund Special Fire Alarm Boxes	5 75	5 75	00,201 00.		
Specifications New Gram School	3.10 000		410 00		6,000 00
State AidStreet Lights	1,514 31	000 00	834 31		
Summer Street Walk	6,400 55	6,091 30	309 25		6,000 00
Support Poor	3,005 65	2.223 44	789 91		2 0.0 00
Support Poor Toboggan Hill Sidewalk	05	2,223 44 05			2,000 00
Town Hall Contingent. Town Pound. War Relief. Water Supply. Outstanding Obligations Reported by Town Treasurer as in 1898	1,711 31	1,520 73	190 58		1,000 00
War Police	50 00 .	7 700 10	50 00		
Water Supply	1,144 00	1,026 40	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	382 40	1,800 00
Outstanding Obligations Report	1,300 00	1,491 38	5 62		1,000 (8)
ed by Town Treasurer as in 1898					
Tax Levy					7,345 00
Total,	\$199,218 81	\$114,456 33	\$87,584 82	\$2,822 34	\$75,395 00

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

The undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Southbridge, hereby certify that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, and of each of the several boards of the Town officers authorized to draw orders upon the Town treasury, as required by the By-Laws of the Town, and find that the several items contained in each of the accounts presented in each of the foregoing reports of receipts and expenditures are correct and properly vouched for.

C. F. HILL,S. D. PERRY,J. A. WHITTAKER,Auditors of Southbridge.

Southbridge, March 8, 1898.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.



CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Report of Cemetery Committee.

The work of the Superintendent, Samuel Williams, has been to the satisfaction of the Committee. We submit his report giving details of the work as a part of our own. The Cemetery Fund now amounts to \$9.049.25, a gain of \$450 over last year, and will be further increased by lots already sold when paid. We again invite our citizens to join with the Superintendent and contribute to make the Cemetery attractive and beautiful. All money paid for lots and perpetual care goes to increase the fund now invested in—

Southbridge Savings Bank,	\$1,600 00
Worcester County Institution for Savings.	1,000 00
Salem Savings Bank,	1,000 00
Ware Savings Bank,	1,000 00
Dedham Institution for Savings,	1,000 00
Peoples' Savings Bank, Worcester,	1,000 00
Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank,	890 00
Amherst Savings Bank,	940 00
Mechanics Savings Bank, Worcester,	619 25

The interest of the fund can only be used for Cemetery Improvements. Amount received last year, \$364.97. We recommend an appropriation of \$2,500 for the ensuing year for Cemetery Improvements.

C. A. PAIGE,
JACOB BOOTH,
T. JEROME HARRINGTON,
A. W. OLDS,

Cemetery Committee.

Superintendent's Report.

TO THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

Gentlemen: While many and important improvements were made the past year, we did not accomplish so much as we anticipated. We found a much larger amount of rock than we had foreseen which had to be removed, exhausting more of the appropriation than was expected. Also the shorter hours and increased pay for labor made considerable difference in the amount of work done. All the roads are now built and graveled in good shape and ought to last for many years. The grass, owing to plenty of rain, got a good start and looked fine. All the newly planted trees and shrubbery are doing well. The usual work of keeping the Cemetery in order was attended to. Interest in the work and improvements increases each year. More inquiries regarding perpetual care have been made the past season than ever before.

Many do not seem to understand it. You pay fifty dollars to the town; that is invested, the interest of which is used to keep your lot in order. When you pay your fifty dollars you receive a deed pledging the town to keep your

monuments clean and in position, grass cut as often as needed, lot kept graded and fertilized. You will please remember that this is not for a few years, but as long as the Cemetery and the town exists. In my previous reports I have urged that more serious attention be given to this important subject. All admit it is a wise thing to do, and many intend to do it but keep delaying until in many cases it is too late. And if the future care of their resting place is not provided for in advance, or by will, it is by no means certain that any provision will ever be made. I never realized what a privilege it was to live in a town where arrangements for perpetual care are made until last summer, when I visited the last resting place of my parents. Only three years ago when the home was sold and no one left to attend to the lot, what was one of the finest and best kept lots in the Cemetery, I found overgrown with brush and weeds and everything in a neglected condition. I tried to arrange for perpetual care with the town but found I could not. All I could do was to make a temporary arrangement.

This year we hope to remove the large sand bank. The material is all needed to fill up the low land south of the bank, which will furnish a large number of very fine lots. After that is done, the whole of the new graded land can be surveyed and be ready for sale. The pond on the east side of the yard was not built last year as expected on account of the reasons given in the first part of this report. We hope to build it this summer. We would also suggest the planting of some additional evergreens, shrubbery and trees on the new land, and in some parts of the old yard. The improvement at the Coombs street entrance requires about three weeks' more work to complete it. Last fall the flower beds were planted with tulips, from which we anticipate a fine display.

The same argument in regard to securing perpetual care applies with equal force to securing a lot, when you have time and opportunity, and not wait till affliction comes, when you

have neither time or inclination to do so. It is hoped that all who can, will visit the Cemetery as often as possible and see what is being done and make any suggestions that will help the work along. We will close by repeating what we said in a previous report, "That there is no place on earth that comes so near the heart and homes of the people as the spot where our loved ones are buried." Then let us all take an interest and work together in making our Cemetery, which has so many natural advantages, a restful and peaceful place.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL WILLIAMS, Superintendent.

\$9,049 25

Cemetery Fund.

By balance, March 1, 1897,		\$8,599 25
For sale and perpetual care of lots—		
Mrs. Daniel Grover, lot,	\$25 00	
Andrew J. Smith, half lot,	25 00	
Sarah A. Vinton, lot,	25 00	
Harry W. Albee, half lot,	25 00	
Major Goddard, half lot,	25 00	
·		125 00
Perpetual care—		
Mrs. Ella M. Edwards, Boston,	\$50 00	
Roger Lawson,	50 00	
Jacob Booth,	50 00	
Henry C. Cady,	50 00	•
Estate Sanders Clark,	50 00	
B. W. Paton,	75 00	
		325 00

Gain for the year, \$450.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,

Cemetery Improvements.

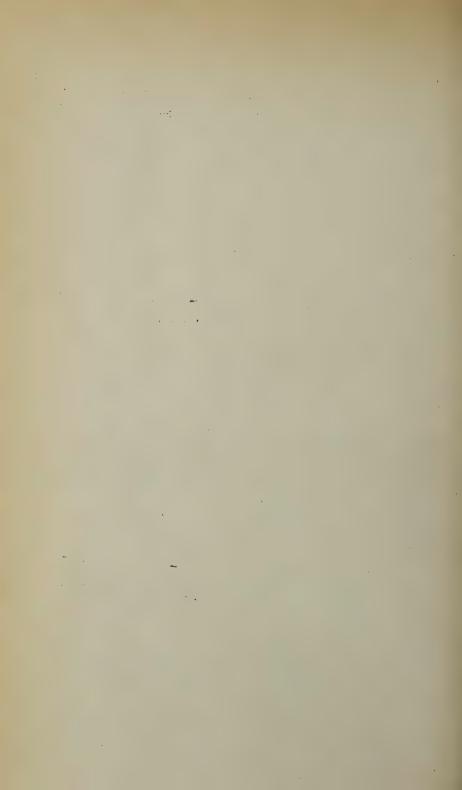
RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury March 1, 1897,	\$42	62
Appropriation,	2,500	00
Interest on cemetery fund,	364	97
Mrs. Daniel A. Grover, grading,	. 7	00
Mrs. Andrew Smith, grading,	6	00
Mrs. John Edwards, grading,	24	67
S. Williams, grass sold,	6	00
		\$2,951 26

EXPENDITURES.

Samuel Williams for man and tarms				
Samuel Williams, for men and teams,				
with 29 itemized bills, approved				
by the auditors and committee,	\$2,673	73		
Samuel Williams, one year's salary,	150	00		
E. C. Ellis, phosphates,	5	25		
Wm. H. Clarke, tools,	3	85		
W. C. Edgett, repairing tools,	4	50		
Water Supply Company,	20	00		
W. C. Lewis, tools,	. 8	45		
George S. Stone Co., work,	23	15		
P. H. Carpenter Co., grass seed,	11	07		
T. Jerome Harrington, flowers,	15	37		
I. R. Apte, loam,	7	00		
		_	\$2,922	37

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898, \$28'89



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS of the POOR.



OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Farm and Almshouse.

Amount of orders drawn, \$2,223,44.

Whole number of inmates during the year, 26, with an average of 20 all the year.

The net cost of \$1.52 per week includes services of Superintendent and Matron, hired help, telephone service, etc. The inventory shows a gain of \$435.49.

The management of the property by Mr. and Mrs. George F. Northup as Superintendent and Matron, has been to the satisfaction and approval of the Overseers, who have engaged their services for another year and will commence their twentieth year of continuous service.

The expenditures have been kept within the appropriation with a credit balance of \$782.21.

For the ensuing year we recommend an appropriation of \$2,000, same as last year,

C. A. PAIGE.

F. GATINEAU,

L. WESLEY CURTIS,

Overseers of the Poor.

Inventory of Personal Property at the Almshouse and Farm, Feb. 28, 1898.

Class 1, Stock,	\$1,081 00
2, Hay and grain,	492 85
3, Carts, wagons and farming tools,	1,052 60
4, Household furniture,	332 20
5, Beds and bedding,	300 00
6, Family supplies,	721 34
	\$3,979 99
Inventory of 1897,	\$3,544 50
Gain over last year,	\$435 49

HENRY A. MORSE, S. K. EDWARDS, SILAS B. MORSE,

Appraisers.

Inmates of Almshouse.

The following persons have been inmates a part or all of the year. Those marked * were inmates March 1, 1898.

J Table	40
John Clarke, died Sept. 30, 1897,	aged 91
*Charles Congdon,	aged 52
*Lucy Harding,	aged 68
*John Murphy,	aged 74
*Catherine Welch,	aged 82
*Daniel Holden,	aged 77

aged	76
aged	58
aged	55
aged	77
aged	85
aged	69
aged	62
aged	90
aged	75
aged	70
aged	39
aged	60
aged	50
aged	49
aged	63
aged	81
aged	7
aged	66
aged	80
aged	29
	aged aged aged aged aged aged aged aged

Twenty-six in all, average 20.

Outside Poor.

The Overseers of the Poor have drawn 261 orders. For the Outside Poor \$5,664.47. For the Farm and Almshouse, \$2,223.44. For Repairs of Buildings, \$139.65. Total of \$8,027.56. This includes \$2,411.58 for the insane at hospitals.

Paid other towns for persons having settlements in this town, \$134.56. Paid for persons having settlements in other towns, \$155.29. Paid for the state for unsettled persons, \$353.10. Paid for 2,384 tramps, \$238.40. Total expense to the town, \$5,156.28. The hospital charges amount to 43 per cent. of the account. The full amount, \$169.46, paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital has been paid to the town by James Monroe. Expenditures have been kept within the appropriation, with a credit balance of \$704.94.

INMATES IN HOSPITALS (13).

Catherine Tynan, Hendrick L. Smith,
John Coldrick, Mary Kavanaugh,
Thomas Boyle, John Brogan,
Edward H. Hill, James Minns,
Nazarine Lamont, Josephine Lavallee,
Onezime Capistrand, Joseph E. Byron,
Mary A. Pratt.

For the ensuing year we recommend an appropriation of \$5,000.

Account of Cash.

Account of cash received and paid Town Treasurer by C. A. Paige for account of Overseers of Poor for the year ending Feb. 28, 1898:

James Monroe, for hospital charges,	\$169 46	
City of Worcester, for aid David Shaw,	15 00	
Town of Sturbridge, for aid Frederick Reynolds,	18 04	

Town of Williamsburg, for aid Helen L. Witherell,	82 75
City of Worcester, for aid Charles E. Brown,	3 00
N. E. Telephone Co., rebate on account,	75
George F. Northup, sales of produce at Farm,	194 24
Total,	\$483 24

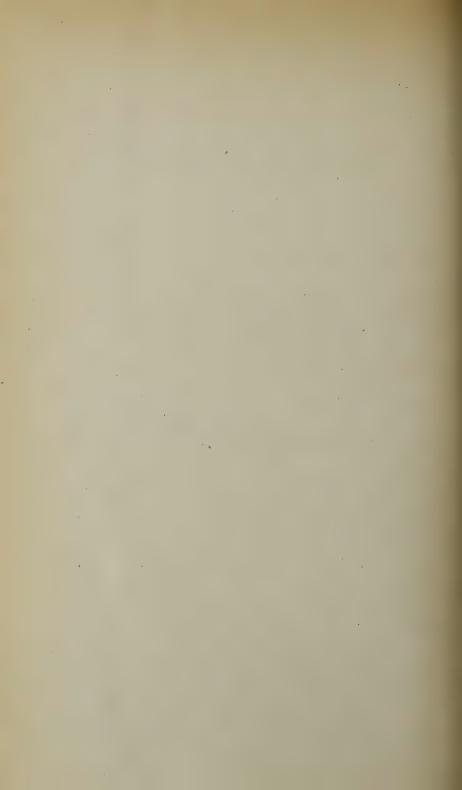
C. A. PAIGE,L. WESLEY CURTIS,F. GATINEAU,Overseers of the Poor.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS.



SINKING FUND.

In presenting this our annual and final statement we are pleased to report that the investments now standing to credit of the Sinking Fund are more than sufficient to pay the bonds of the town that will become due April 1. It has been the policy of the Commission to invest all money entrusted to our care in Massachusetts Savings Banks and while the interest has not been large the investments have proved safe and have returned an interest of 4 1-8 per cent. while the interest paid on the bonds of the town have been only 4 per cent.

The Sinking Fund Commissioners respectfully present their report as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 1, 1897,	\$60,890 26
Interest,	2,607 48
Corporation Tax,	886 50
Sewer Assessments,	466 79
Appropriation at annual meeting,	400 00
	\$65,251 03
INVESTMENTS.	
Abington Savings Bank,	\$1,078 21
Andover Savings Bank,	1,332 22
Brockton Savings Bank,	920 08
Bristol County Savings Bank, Taunton,	1,206 98
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,332 18
Central Savings Bank, Lowell,	1,206 98
City Savings Bank, Haverhill,	1,268 02

Cape Ann Savings Bank, Gloucester,	\$1,358 51
Citizens Savings Bank, Fall River,	1,361 78
Dedham Institution for Savings,	1,306 42
Fall River Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,299 44
Hampshire Savings Bank, Northampton,	1,206 98
Lynn Institution for Savings,	1,339 77
Monson Savings Bank,	1,306 42
Milford Savings Bank,	1,359 18
Natick Savings Bank,	1,306 42
New Bedford Institution for Savings,	1,316 02
New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,312 80
Newburyport Institution for Savings,	1,312 81
Northampton Institution for Savings,	1,359 18
Provident Institution for Savings, Amesbury,	1,312 81
Southbridge Savings Bank,	1,594 80
Southbridge National Bank,	36,853 02
	\$65,251 03

GEO. L. CLEMENCE,
J. D. BLANCHARD,
CHANNING M. WELLS,
Sinking Fund Commissioners.

As ordered by a vote of the town, the Auditors have examined the several bank books in which the Sinking Fund is invested, and find the above report correct.

C. F. HILL, S. D. PERRY, JOHN A. WHITTAKER,

Auditors.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

LIBRARY OFFICERS.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

J. EDWARD CLEMEN	CE,	Secre	tary	ř,		-		-	Term	Expires	1898
JOHN B. DRENNAN,		-	-		-		-		${\bf Term}$	Expires	1898
C. C. BRADFORD,	~			-		•		-	Term	Expires	1898
CLEMENT BEGIN,	-	-	-		-		~		Term	Expires	1899
GEORGE GRANT,	-	-		-		-		-	\mathbf{Term}	Expires	1899
GEORGE M. LOVELL,	Cha	irmar	1,		-		-		Term	Expires	1899
W. G. REED, -	~	-				-			Term	Expires	1900
ALEXIS BOYER, Jr,			-		-		-		Term	Expires	1900
FRED. E. CORBIN.	_	~		_		-		_	Term	Expires	1900

LIBRARIAN.

HARRIET H. STANLEY.

ASSISTANTS.

MABEL W. PLIMPTON,

HARRIET DOUGHERTY.

JANITOR.

JOHN COGGANS.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Financial Statement.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1897,	\$262	37	
Appropriation,	1,800	00	
Dog fund,	630	00	
Returned from N. Y., 1896 account,	2	02	
Fines, cards, etc.,	109	28	
			\$2,803 67
EXPENSES.			
H. H. Stanley, salary,	\$1,000	50	
H. H. Stanley, expense,		92	
Southbridge Gas & Electric Co.,	221	00	
E. C. Ellis, coal,	54	00	
A. Daniels, wood,	1	75	
Library Bureau,	39	75	
Fitting up reading and reference rooms,	478	16	
Geo. Grant,	191	51	
F. C. Goulding,	7	00	
Masury, Young & Co.,	10	50	
Geo. M. Lovell,	2	62	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence,	4	00	
W. H. Clarke, agent, rent,	43	75	
			\$2,101 46
BOOK ACCOUNT.			
Publishers Weekly,	\$12	50	
Appleton & Co.,	6	00	

Mass. Historical Society,	\$3	00		
W. S. Houghton,	38	00		
Fords, Howard & Hulbert,	2	00		
J. S. Wesby & Sons,	112	76		
Estes & Lauriat,	223	88		
R. R. Bowker,	7	00		
T. H. Castor & Co.,	33	14		
D. L. Brownell,	3	00		
Geo. W. Corey,	179	00		
Town of Dover, Mass.,	1	70		
			\$621	98
Balance,			80	23
			\$2,803	67

Mynott Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1897, Interest,	\$1,036 40	20	\$1,076	68
EXPENDITURES.				
Estes & Lauriat,	\$5	85		
Geo. W. Corey,	8	40		
			\$14	25
Balance March 1, 1898,			\$1,062	43

The committee ask an appropriation of \$1,800.00 and the Dog Fund for the year 1898–1899.

J. E. CLEMENCE, Secretary.

Librarian's Report.

Nineteen thousand five hundred and thirty-five books have been issued for home use, of which 48.63 per cent. were fiction, exclusive of French and juvenile fiction. 226 new readers have registered. 393 books have been added, 188 by purchase, 114 by gift, and 91 by binding periodicals. 61 books were rebound. An inventory of the library was taken in February, and 4 books were missing. The usual statistics and a list of additions follow this report.

The library received at the beginning of the year six portfolios of architectural details presented on behalf of His Highness the Maharajah of Jeypore (India) by C. E. Stotherd, engineer of the Jeypore state. The portfolios contain 374 plates. The drawings, made on a large scale and in some cases colored, are chiefly of buildings near Delhi and Agra and are exceedingly rich in design.

Rolfe's edition of Shakspere in 40 volumes was bought; and 21 new volumes of the St. Nicholas magazine were purchased to replace much worn ones of the old set.

In the periodical list, the *Critic* is substituted for the *Bookman*; *Birds* has been added, and the *Missionary review* and *Biblical world* are added from the Mynott fund. A few additional periodicals are given by the publishers.

Mr. A. H. Faxon has illustrated the library copy of Price's "Fern-collector's handbook" with ferns found in this locality. Four gifts have been made to the museum, one by Mr. A. E. Buell and three by Mrs. F. S. Weld. Any appropriate material is gratefully received. In the absence of a local historical society, the musuem ought to receive for preservation articles of historic interest which might otherwise lie in some attic and eventually be lost or destroyed. The schools have

made use of specimens of coral, lava, etc. to illustrate lessons and many school-children have visited the room.

Our thanks are due to the local newspapers for printing lists of books at various times.

Two additional rooms have been hired for the library; one is fitted up with shelving and contains the poetry and history; the other is used for newspapers only. The wall-space of the reading room, formerly occupied by newspapers, has been filled with shelves on which are the bound magazines, except on one tier reserved for reference books. The current magazines remain in this room which, as a magazine and reference room, is more quiet and convenient than it could be before the newspapers were removed. The use in the library of the bound magazines has greatly increased. The newspaper room is open all day without regard to library hours and is also open on holidays.

We printed in the summer a brief list of books for boys and girls from which they have selected their reading to a considerable extent. The library acknowledges with appreciation the generous co-operation of the teachers.

In May the new catalog of fiction was ready for distribution. The fact that the circulation of fiction has noticeably increased over last year seems to indicate that this list has been a convenience to readers. We expect before many weeks to finish printing a classified list of all books of travel in the library. The books relating to a particular country will be brought together in this catalog and on the shelves, an arrangement which should prove helpful to persons reading or studying about a special place. It is hoped that the new catalog will make these books more generally available and so increase their use. It is desirable that another section of the library be classified during the coming year and a catalog of it printed.

Provision for this work should be made in the town appropriation. To make the books we have as accessible and useful as possible is no less essential than to buy more books. A wise economy will not fail to provide means for making the most efficient use of property already acquired.

HARRIET H. STANLEY, Librarian.

Accessions.

Added by gift	16376 88 14
Added by binding periodicals	91 393
Removed	16769 40
Bound volumes in library March 1, 1898	16729
Pamphlets in library March 1, 1897 Pamphlets added	877 112
Pamphlets in library March 1, 1898	989

Circulation.

Days library was open	306
Volumes issued for home use	19535
Average daily issue	64
Largest daily issue, Jan. 22	200
Smallest daily issue, Oct. 6	4

Registration of Readers.

Names registered from the beginning	6231
Names cancelled from the beginning	2563
Names registered during 1897-8	226
Accounts now open	3668

Classification of accessions and circulation.

		Tolumes	Now in	Volumes	Per cent.
		a.l.le-l	library	circulated	circulated
1	Fiction	14	1908	9501	48.63
2	Juvenile	11	1131	3833	19.62
3	History	21	1295	610	3.12
4	Biography	16	1217	401	2.05
5	Travel .	8	867	484	2.47
6	Poetry	28	672	387	1.98
7	Science and education	26	883	471	2.41
8	Literature and art	10	1060	373	1.90
9	Religion	9	539	117	.59
10	Complete works		255	84	.42
11	Miscellaneous	1	432	72	.33
12	Bound periodicals	69	1596	723	3.70
13	Agriculture		193	42	.21
14	Law reports of Mass.	3	202		
15	Mass. public documents	27	544	5	.02
16	U. S. public documents	59	1550	4	.02
17	French books	19	401	1781	9.11
18	Current periodicals			600	3.07
R	Reference books	19	800	47	.24
A	Ammidown library	3	911		
	Duplicate bound periodicals	10	273		

Circulation by months for the past ten years.

										1
	1888-9	1889-90 1890-1 1891-2 1892-3 1893-4 1894-5 1895-6 1896-7 1897-8	1890-1	1891-2	1892-3	1893-4	1894-5	1895-6	1896-7	1897-8
March	1682	1749	2002	1699	1564	1923	2328	2142	2009	1964
April	1270	1363	1558	1531	1354	1588	1855	1620	1574	1515
May	1171	1209	1429	1202	1140	1830	1551	1364	1615	1869
June	1015	1245	1302	1225	1126	1214	1613	1295	1679	1817
July	1106	1480	1328	1237	1234	1418	1601	1505	1564	1587
August	1137	1442	1480	1145	1388	1535	1726	1514	1653	1544
September -	1201	1225	1481	1101	1217	1604	1703	1359	1478	1367
October	1888	1469	1565	1301	1300	1704	1786	1545	1865	1671
November -	1376	1680	1379	1295	1376	1874	1898	1768	1787	1680
December	1419	1532	1515	1510	1684	2062	1859	1785	1919	1768
Лаппагу -	1796	17.58	1789	7. 00 00 00	1670	25.53	21.80	1990	2087	1978
February	1650	1646	1581	2000	1617	2411	1820	1865	1987	1825
Total	16161	17788	18809	16760	16970	21315	21920	19752	21167	19535

Gifts to the library.

NAMES OF DONORS.

Volumes Pamphlets

Baillies' institution, Glasgow, Scotland		1
Bigelow library, Clinton		1
Brookfield, town of		1
Brockline public library		1
Brooklyn library		1
Cambridge public library		1
Concord public li ^b rary		. 2
Concord (N. H.) public library		1
Earls, M. I.		2
Enoch Pratt free library, Baltimore, Md.		2
Fletcher public library, Burlington, Vt.		1
Forbes library, Northampton		1
Grant, John, Edinburgh, Scotland	1	
Harvard college .		1
Hopedale public library		1
Hubbell, M. S.		1
Indian rights association		18
King, H. F., West Newton		1
Larned, Augusta	1	
Leicester public library		1
Litchfield, Mrs Frank	2 .	
Litchfield, W. J.		1
McCormick, C. H.	1	
Manchester (N. H.) city library		1
Massachusetts, commonwealth of	34	1
Metropolitan water board (Boston)		1
Munn & co., New York		1
New York, state of		6
Newton public library		1
Parsons, J. R., Miller, Lewis, & Steward, J.	F. 1	
Providence (R. I.) athenæum		1

Providence (R. I.) public library		1
Rice, Mrs. W. W., Worcester	1	
Rollins, Mrs. A. W., Bronxville, N. Y.	3	
Root, Henry, Whitehall, N. Y.	9	
St. Louis (Mo.) mercantile library		3
Silas Bronson library, Waterbury, Ct.		1
Syracuse (N. Y.) central library		. 1
Trustees of public reservations (Mass)		1
U. S. government	59	45
University of Pennsylvania		2
Walker, Hon. J. H.		1
Wells, H. C. & Wells, G. W.	1	
Whymper, Edward		1
Winthrop, R. C. jr.	. 1	
Winthrop public library		1
Wisconsin free library commission		1
Worcester polytechnic institute	-	. 1
Worcester public library		1

Periodicals and newspapers.

Abbreviations: bm bi-monthly, (d daily, f fortnightly, (m monthly, (q) quarterly, (w) weekly.

GIVEN.

Arena (m), C. L. Newhall

Book reviews (m), publishers

Bulletin (m), U.S.—Bureau of American republics

Bulletin (m), U. S.—Dep't of labor

Catalogue of U. S. public documents (m), U. S.—Sup't of documents

Catholic quarterly review, Rev. J. B. Drennan

Collector (m), C. L. Newhall

Congressional record (d), Hon. J. H. Walker

Consular reports (m), U. S.—Bureau of statistics

Cook's excursionist (m), publishers

Donahoe's magazine (m), Rev. J. B. Drennan

Hatch experiment station bulletin (m), Mass. agricultural college

Home market bulletin (m), publishers

L. A. W. bulletin (w), publishers

Land of sunshine (m), publishers

Library bulletin (m), Brookline public library

" (q), Hartford (Ct.) public library

" (m), New Haven (Ct.) public library

" (m), Springfield public library

Literary news (m), publishers

Massachusetts ploughman (w), Linus Darling, ed.

New England farmer (w), G. M. Whitaker, ed.

Official gazette (w), U.S.—Patent office

Onward (w), Young people's Christian union

Our dumb animals (m), publishers

Quarterly book review, publishers

Quarterly bulletin, Iowa masonic library (Cedar Rapids)

Royal arcanum guide (m), Phœnix council

Southbridge herald (w), W. T. Robinson & D. S. Dougherty

" journal (w), F. C. Goulding

" press (w), George Grant

Spirit of '76 (m), C. L. Newhall

Travellers' record (m), publishers

Union signal (w), Woman's Christian temperance union

Woman's journal (w), publishers

SUBSCRIBED FOR.

American architect (w)
Atlantic monthly

Art interchange (m)

Biblical world (m)

Birds (m)

Boston herald (d)

" journal (d)

" journal of commerce (w)

Boston transcript (d)

Century (m)

Critic (w)

Cumulative index to periodi-

cals (m)

Edinburgh review (q)

English illustrated (m)

Forum (m)

Harper's bazar (m)

Harper's monthly round table (m)

weekly

Journal of education (w)

library (m)

Library bulletin, Providence (R. I.) public library (m)

Library journal (m)

Literary world (f)

Littell's living age (w)

McClure's magazine (m) Magazine of art (m)

Methodist review (bm)

Missionary review (m)

New England magazine (m)

Christian advocate (w)

New York tribune (d)

sun (d)

North American review (m)

Outlook (w)

Popular educator (m)

Popular science monthly

Review of reviews (m)

St. Nicholas (m)

Science (w)

Scientific American (w)

Library bulletin, Boston public Scientific American supple-

ment (w)

Scribner's magazine (m)

Southbridge journal (w)

Springfield republican (d)

Webster times (w)

Westminster review (m)

Worcester gazette (d)

Worcester spy (d)

Youth's companion (w)

FOR HOME USE.

Atlantic monthly Century

Harper's monthly

New England magazine

North American review

St. Nicholas

Scribner's magazine

List of books added during 1897.

FICTION.

A427-4 Allen, J. L. Choir invisible

B268-12 Barr, Mrs. A. E. Prisoners of conscience

. Dr. Latimer
Miss Archer Archer
"No gentlemen"
Yellow pine basin
Lad's love
Soldiers of fortune ·
Rodney Stone
Well-beloved
. Son of the Old Dominion
Landlord at Lion's Head
Story of Lawrence Garthe
. Genuine girl
Wayfaring men
That first affair, and other sketches
Hugh Wynne. 2 v.
Sir Robert's fortune
Seats of the mighty
Story of Christine Rochefort
Transatlantic chatelaine
Virginia cavalier
"Quo vadis"
My Kalulu
On the face of the waters
Burglar who moved Paradise
Jerome, a poor man
UVENILE.
Midshipman Farragut
True story of Abraham Lincoln
True story of U. S. Grant
Wampum belt
Stories from English history Plants and their children
Six stories from the Arabian nights

2-1145	Henty, G. A.	By England's aid (gift)
2-1147	66	In the reign of terror (gift)
2-1146	66	With Lee in Virginia (gift)
2-1141	Molesworth,	
	Mrs. M. L.	Mary, and My new home
2-1134	Poulsson, Emilie	In the child's world
2-1137	Pratt, M. L.	Great west
2-1135	66	Stories from old Germany
2-1136	Pratt, M. L., editor	Legends of Norseland
2-1149		Finding of the gentian (gift)
2-1148	66	Little page fern, and other verses
		(gift)
2-1131	Schwatka,	-
	Frederick	Children of the cold
2-1139	Stoddard, W. O.	Little smoke
2-1133	66	The windfall
2-1138	Underhill, Z. D.,	•
	compiler	Dwarf's tailor, and other fairy tales
2-1128	Wiggin, Mrs. K. D.	
	30	
	F	HISTORY.
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3-1299-1300	Bigelow,	
	Poultney	History of the German struggle
		for liberty
3-1314	Bourinot, J. G.	Story of Canada
3-1309	Boyd, J. P.	Men and issues of '92 (gift)
3-1313	Davis,	
	Mrs. M. E.	Under six flags: the story of Texas
3-1303	Godkin, E. L.	Problems of modern democracy
3-1305-6	Fiske, John	American revolution
3-1297	Lord, John	Beacon lights of history, v. 7
3-1301-2	Lowell, A. L.	Government and parties in con
		tinental Europe
3-1304	Lummis, C. F.	Spanish pioneers

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REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

112	METORI OF L	IBRART COMMITTEE.
3-1311	Mackenzie,	
	James	History of Scotland
3-1312	Murdock,	
	Harold	Reconstruction of Europe
3-1308	Robinson,	
	Charles	Kansas conflict (gift)
3-1307	Samuels, E. A.	
	and Kimball	,
	Н. Н.	Somerville, past and present
3-1315		Scottish clans and their tartans
3-1310	Smith, Frank	History of Dover, Mass.
	BIG	OGRAPHY.
4-1217	Barrie, J. M.	Margaret Ogilvy
4-1221	Brooks, Phillips	Letters of travel
4-1220	Burroughs, John	Whitman: a study
4-1222	Burton, A. II.	Massasoit
4-1228	Fields, Mrs. A.	
	editor.	Life and letters of H. B. Stowe
4-1230	Hoar, Rockwood	William Whitney Rice (gift)
4-1224	Hubert, P. G. jr.	Men of achievement: inventors
		(gift)
4-1216	Lathrop, Mrs. R. H	. Memories of Hawthorne
4-1218-9	Pickard, S. T.	Life and letters of J. G. Whittier
4-1225-6		Alfred, Lord Tennyson
4-1215	Van Alstine,	
	Mrs. J.	Charlotte Corday
4-1227	Winslow, A. G.	Diary of a Boston school-girl of 1771
4-1229	Winthrop, R.C. jr	. Memoir of Robert C. Winthrop
	Т	CRAVEL.
5-864		America and the Americans, from
		a French point of view
5-868	Dorr, Mrs. J. C.	Flower of England's face

5-863	Earle, Mrs. A. M.	Colonial days in old New York
5-861	Loomis, E. J.	Eclipse party in Africa
5-865		Scenery in Switzerland
5-866-7	Nansen, Fridtjof	
5-862		Handbook of the new library of
	, 1	Congress
5-869	Whymper,	
	Edward •	Chamonix and the range of Mont Blanc: a guide
	POETRY	AND DRAMA.
6-653	Dante Alighieri	Divine comedy, translated by T. W. Parsons
6-697	Larned, Augusta	In woods and fields (gift).
6-650	Lowell, J. R.	Complete poetical works
6-654	Parsons, T. W.	Circum præcordia: the collects of
		the Church of England
6-652	Reese, L. W.	Quiet road
6-695		Unfamiliar quotations (gift)
6-655-94	Shakespeare,	
	William	Works, edited, with notes, by W. J. Rolfe
6-696	Stevenson, R. L.	Child's garden of verses
6-651	Van Dyke, Henry	Builders, and other poems
	SCIENCE A	AND EDUCATION.
7-884	Adler, Felix	Moral instruction of children
7-862	Allsop, F. C.	Telephones: their construction and fitting
7-864	Antrobus, Robert	Square of sevens: a system of
		cartomancy
8-876	Burton, W. K.	
	and Pringle,	
	Andrew	Processes of pure photography
7-880	Campbell,	
	Mrs. H.	Household economics

7-887	Carpenter, W. B. Principles of mental physiology
7-874	Crocker, F. B. Electric lighting v. 1
7-879	Cushing, Marshall Story of our post office
7-872	Daniel, Alfred Textbook of the principles of
	physics
7-866	Furneaux, W. S. Life in ponds and streams
7-870	Greener, W. W. The gun and its development
7-886	Harrison,
	Elizabeth Study of child nature
7-881	Inexpensive country homes
7-873	Price, S. F. Fern-collector's handbook and her-
	barium
7-871	Proctor, R. A. Easy star lessons
7-853	Putnam, G. H. Books and their makers during the
	middle ages v. 2
7-865	Rideal, Samuel Water and its purification
7-878	Robert, H. M. Pocket manual of rules of order
7-869	Russell, I. C. Glaciers of North America
7-877	Scientific American supplement
	of receipts, notes, and queries
7-883	Smiley, Mrs. A. E. Fifty social evenings
7-868	Watson, E. P. How to run engines and boilers
7-863	Webb, H. L. Telephone handbook
7-882	White, Mary Book of a hundred games
7-885	Wiggin, Mrs. K. D. Children's rights
7-867	Wines, F. H. and
	Koren, John Liquor problem in its legislative
	aspects
	TIMED AMITE AND ADM
	LITERATURE AND ART.

8-1073	Burroughs, John	Year in the fields
8-1074	Fields, Mrs. Annie	Authors and friends
8-1081	Hardy, W. J.	Book-plates
8-1075	Higginson, T. W.	Book and heart
8-1072	Krehbiel, H. E.	How to listen to musi

8-1080	Miller, O. T.	Upon the treetops
8-1079	Mitchell, D. G.	American lands and letters
8-1077-8	Skinner, C. M.	Myths and legends of our own land
8-1076	Sturgis, Russell	European architecture
	RELIGION A	AND PHILOSOPHY.
9-533	Abbott, Lyman	Christianity and social problems
9-534	Brooks, Phillips	More abundant life
9-541	Gladden,	
	Washington	Some puzzling Bible books
9-536	Mead. G. W.	Modern methods in church work
9-535	Merriam, G. S.	Chief end of man
9-538	Murray, Andrew	With Christ in the school of prayer
9-537	Spencer, Herbert	Principles of sociology v. 3.
9-532	Titchener, E. B.	Outline of psychology
9-539	Van Dyke, Henry	
	RF	EFERENCE.
R-800		American catalogue, books record-
		ed, 1890-5
R-805	•	Appleton's annual cyclopædia, 1896
R-802-3	Fletcher, W. I.	Try
	and Bowker,	
	R. R.	Annual literary index, 1895-6
R-810-5	Jacob, S. S.,	,
	compiler	Jeypore portfolio of architectural
	•	details (gift)
R-801	Mass. historical	V.,
	society	Collections. 6th series v. 9
R-808	·	Massachusetts year book, 1897-8
R-799	Morris, Charles,	
	editor	Men of the century (gift)
R-809	Munn & co.	Scientific American supplement
		reference catalogue (gift)

R-820	Parker, James & co.	. Glossary of terms used in heraldry
R-819	Pope, C. H.,	
	compiler	Chenev genealogy (gift)

FRENCH BOOKS.

17-385	About, Edmond	Le buste
17-409	Bayreuth, F. S. W.	
	margrave de	Memoires, 1706–42
17-408	Bazin, Rene	Une tache d'encre
17-387	Cherbuliez, Victor	Samuel Brohl et cie
17-405	Daudet, Alphonse	Le petite Paroisse
17-386	Dudevant,	
	Mme A. L. A. D.	Le chene parlant
17-398	66 -	La mare au diable
17-399	6.	Le marquis de Villemer
17-400	6.	Le peche de M. Antoine
17-401	Huysmans, J. K.	En route
17-404	La Brete, Jean de	Badinage
17-402	Laboulaye,	
	Edouard	Abdallah
17-403	Malot, Hector	Sans famille
17-407	Octon, P. Vigne d.	'Les amours de Nine
17-392	Segur, S. R.	
	comtesse de	Apres la pluie le beau temps
17-388	66	Les bons enfants
17-391	46	Diloy le chemineau
17-395		La fortune de Gaspard
17-396	.66	François le bossu
17-389	-44	Le mauvais genie
17-393	66	Memoires d'une ane
17-394	. 66	Pauvre Blaise
1 7-390		Quel amour d'enfant
1 7-384	Theuriet, Andre	L'abbe Daniel
1 7-397	Verne, Jules	Le docteur Ox

17-406 Vogue, E. M.

vicomte de Heures d'histoire

AMMIDOWN COLLECTION.

A47 Bolton, C. K. Brookline; the history of a favored town

A48 Ford, A. E. History of the origin of the town of Clinton, Mass.

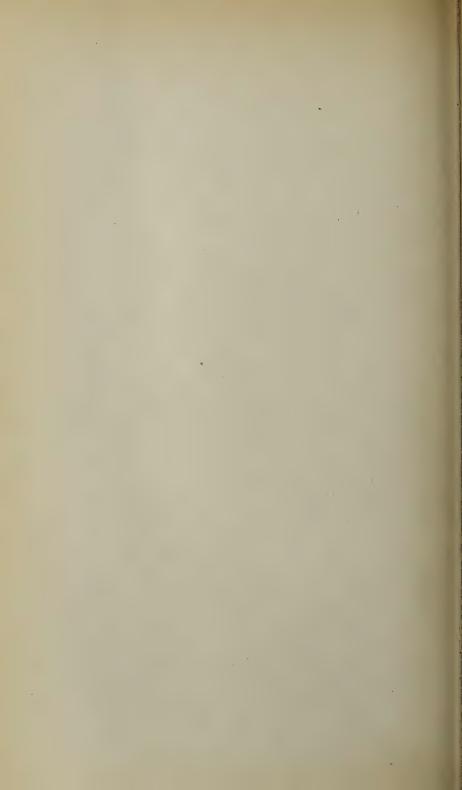
I49 Longmeadow, Mass. Proceedings at the centennial celebration of the incorporation of the town, 1883.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FIRE ENGINEERS.



FIRE ENGINEERS.

In compliance with the usual custom relative to the Fire Department, we submit our third annual report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1898.

Accompanying this report is a correct record of the Department with the amount of expenditures, also what recommendations we deem necessary for the best interests of the Department and Town.

Manual Force.

The Manual Force: Board of Engineers, Chief, and four District Chiefs, two steam fire engine companies of fifteen men each, two hand hose companies manned by the two steam fire engine companies, two hook and ladder companies of ten men each, Superintendent of Fire Alarm, and fifteen horses subject to the call of the Department.

Roll Call of Fire Department.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

C. P. Phipps, Chief Engineer.

B. C. Stone, District Chief of Boxes 21, 23, 24.

Patrick Flynn, District Chief of Boxes 25, 26, 28, 32.

George J. Lamoureux, District Chief of Boxes 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, and Private Boxes 31, 71, 72.

C. F. Marble, clerk and District Chief of Boxes 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39.

Steamer and Hose Company No. 1.

M. L. Dillaber, -		-		-		-		-	Captain.
H. A. Dresser,	-		-		-		-		Lieutenant.
E. D. Chamberlain,		-		-		-		-	Clerk and Treasurer.
George B. Works,	-		-		-		-		Engineer.
H. H. Clemence,		-		-		-		-	Assistant Engineer.
Joseph Bebo	-		-		-		-		Stoker.
Otto Carlson, -		-		-		-		-	Steward.

HOSEMEN.

E. L. Gay,	L. E. Davis,	George T. Armes,
R. E. Moore,	C. W. Mills,	J. B. Edwards,
Charles H. Pellett,	H. C. Pratt.	

Steamer and Hose Company No. 2.

John E. Hefner,		-		-		-		-		Captain and Steward.
William Walters,			-		-		-		-	- Lieutenant.
George Simpson,		-		-						Clerk and Treasurer.
James A. Ryan,			-		-		-		-	Engineer.
Lawrence Flynn,		-		-		-		~		Assistant Engineer.
John Splaine,	-		-		-		-		-	Stoker.

HOSEMEN.

George Thayer,	Luke Reilly,	Jos. Rivers,
M. E. Walters,	M. P. O'Shaughnessy,	F. A. Wald,
William Crawford	Stermius Herber,	Douglas Hirom.
Substitute, Ed	dward Splaine.	

Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

L. N. Duquette,		Captain.
N. Gamache, -		Lieutenant.
Edward Hetu,		Clerk and Treasurer.
John Coggins,	Thomas McGrath,	Frank Favro
J. K. Egan,	Jos. Lucia,	Louis Peloquin,
Peter Caplette.		
Substitute, A	lfred Deslauriers.	

Hook and Ladder Company No. 2.

John Brennan, -		Captain.
John J. Hogan,		- Lieutenant.
John W. Smythe,		Clerk.
William Kennedy,		Treasurer.
M. W. Kelley,	P. H. Fitzpatrick,	Hosea E. Weld,
Thomas Brennan,	P. F. Delehanty,	Michael Breen.
Substitu	tes, Joseph Power, Pet	ter May.

Fires and Alarms.

There were eight alarms, with no generals, also ten still alarms.

- April 20, 1897, 12.32 p. m. Box 42. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in dwelling owned by A. E. Morton. Damage \$10. Insurance \$2,500. Cause, sparks from chimney. Recall 12.44 p. m.
- April 24, 1897, 3.45 p. m. Box 34. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in woods owned by Arthur H. Sherwood. Damage not known. Recall 3.52 p. m.
- July 15, 1897, 4.35 p. m. Box 42. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in shed owned by L. N. Duquette. No damage. No insurance. Cause, unknown. Recall 4.40 p. m.
- Nov. 19, 1897, 5.36 p. m. Box 28. No. 2 companies responded. Fire in barn owned by Louis Martin, est. Damage \$35. No insurance. Cause, lantern exploded. Recall 5.55 p. m.
- Nov. 30, 1897, 10.48 p. m. Box 24. No. 2 companies responded. Fire in dwelling owned by J. T. McKinstry. Damage \$20. No insurance. Cause, unknown. Recall 11.16 p. m.

- Dec. 10, 1897, 8.44 p. m. Box 34. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in dwelling owned by L. Morton estate. Damage \$92.85. Insurance paid same amount. Cause, oil stove exploded. Recall 8.51 p. m.
- Dec. 24, 1897, 7.39 p. m. Box 26. No. 2 companies responded. Fire in dwelling owned by Hamilton Woolen Company. Damage none. Cause, chimney. Recall 7.50 p. m.
- Feb. 3, 1898, 8.32 p. m. Box 46. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in dwelling owned by I. B. Trembly. No damage. Cause, chimney. Recall 8.37 p. m.

Total amount of damage for the year, \$157.85.

Appropriation and Expenditures.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,	1,850	00		
A. Sherwood, for use of steamer,	35	00		
1			\$1,885	00
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EXPENDITURES.				
Account overdrawn March 1, 1897,	\$115	85		
Hamilton Woolen Co., blue vitriol,	44	34		
Boston Woven Hose, hose and supplies,	123	74		
Southbridge Gas & Electric Co.,	56	30		
Southbridge Water Supply Co.,	27	00		
Jos. Ouimette & Son, repairs,	7	00		
N. E. Gamewell Co., repeater and supplies	, 272	59		
J. B. Prescott & Son, zines,	. 29	00		
C. M. Kimball, polish,	4	00		
Geo. L. Winter, repairs and supplies,	7	79		
Wor. Rubber Co., coats and boots, .	36	10		
Cole Bros., repairs,	64	61		

W. L. Ferry, teams,	\$7	00			
W. H. Gallison, packing,	4	20			
C. P. Phipps, sundries,	42	86			
E. C. Ellis, coal,	37	50			
Wm. Booth, coal,	78	00			
Hartford S. B. I. & I. Co., insurance,	25	00			
R. Wardle, painting,	4	63			
E. G. Conant, repairs and supplies,	15	25			
T. Plante, boots,	5	00			
Otto Carlson, sundries,	8	75			
Robinson & Dougherty, printing,	2	50			
C. F. Marble, freight and cartage,	4	82			
Peter Caplette, labor,	3	00			
L. Lamothe, labor,	4	96			
B. W. Paton, supplies,	2	85			
A. F. Hall, changing wires,	8	60			
G. S. Stone Co., painting and repairing,	88	50			
N. S. Vial, horses,	ວົບີ	$\tilde{0}$			
J. J. Bowlen, horses,	190	00			
W. & W. A. Seavey, horses,	100	00			
Hamilton Woolen Co.,	89	00			
G. B. Works, labor and supplies,	4	38			
-			\$1,571	62	2

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,

\$313 38

Salaried Account.

RECEIPTS.

By appropriation,

\$1,910 00

EXPENDITURES.

Board of Engineers, Chief (\$100) four

assistants,	\$25	00 each,	\$200	00
Two engineers for steamers,	100	00 each.	200	00

Two assistant engineers for steamers,	\$50	00 each,	\$100 00
Two stokers,	50	00 each,	100 00
Two stewards,	75	00 each,	150 00
Four captains,	35	00 each,	140 00
Four lieutenants,	30	00 each,	120 00
Thirty-six hose and ladder men,	25	00 each,	900 00
			\$1,910 00

Schedule of Apparatus.

The apparatus in service consists of two steam fire engines, two horse hose carriages, two hand hose carriages, two hook and ladder trucks, one supply wagon, one portable fire escape, one life net canvas, one Siamese coupling with discharge pipe, two Perfection nozzle holders, two new Waldron nozzles and two Common Sense nozzles, 1,200 feet of leather hose, 2,550 feet rubber-lined hose.

Electrician's Report.

We have been very fortunate this year as we have had but eight alarms of fire, two of which were needless.

I would again recommend an indicator for each engine house. This instrument shows plainly the number of the box after the first round and will not move again until set back to 0, thus avoiding all mistakes. We had an indicator at the firemen's fair, which was loaned us by the Gamewell Co., and it proved to all who saw it the accuracy and speed of thus recording an alarm of fire or the all-out or general alarm signals. I trust the department will have, at an early date, one in each engine house, as they are really a necessity to a well organized department.

One new tapper has been added to the line, and the wires for about 1,000 feet on the Westville road have been changed over on to the new poles which the Southbridge Gas & Electric Co. put in last fall.

Supplies on hand: 26 zines, 16 glass jars, 11 saucers for same, 1-2 barrel old copper, 1 barrel old zine, and 500 feet No. 9 wire.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW F. HALL, Supt. Fire Alarm Telegraph.

Water Supply.

I wish to say a few words in regard to hydrants, as there are parts of the town which have been built up since the hydrants were placed and if fires should occur in these localities there are not enough hydrants within reaching distance.

Would recommend that one be placed on Hamilton street between the one at the corner of Marcy street and corner of Cross street. One at or near the corner of Lens street, one on Everett street between Park and Spring streets, also one on South street near Water street.

Plimpton and Pleasant streets remain the same without water and if fires occur in this district as I have said before, there is no way of getting water except the McKinstry brook which is without water through the dry season; Charlton road is also in the same condition, where there is a large amount of property without fire protection.

There has been one new hydrant placed this year on Coombs street.

General Remarks.

During the past year there have been no large fires and but few small ones, also the damage to property has been light.

Our appropriation was raised last year on account of our being obliged to repair the cistern on Main street, which, after the sewer pipe had gone through it made another outlet for the water that filled the cistern, but on account of the wet season we were unable to repair it. We would ask that the balance left over be continued another year that we may repair the same.

The steamers and hose carriages have been touched up and varnished the past year, making all the apparatus in first-class condition.

The Board recommends the building of a new engine house in the center of the town. As we have said before the old house is in a dangerous condition. The hook and ladder truck and supply wagon are kept in a barn where they cannot be taken care of as they should be.

This year we would recommend that the sum of \$1,400.00 be appropriated for running expenses and hose.

In closing, I wish to thank the entire Fire Department for their able support during the year, also the Superintendent of the fire alarm and his assistant for the excellent condition of the system.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. PHIPPS, Chief.

C. F. MARBLE, Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Office of School Committee, Southbridge, March 11, 1898.

The Chairman and Superintendent presented the annual reports for the school year ending February 26, 1898.

Voted to accept the reports and adopt them as the report of the Committee.

J. T. CLARKE, Secretary.

School Officials.

School Committee for 1897=8.

Term expires 189	98
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Officers of School Board.

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, Chairman. GEORGE M. LOVELL, Secretary.

Regular monthly meeting first Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

J. T. CLARKE, Superintendent of Schools and Clerk of the Board. Office, Town Hall.

Office Hours: School days, 3.30 to 5 p. m.; 7 to 7.30 Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings.



Report of School Committee.

In submitting their annual report, the Committee find a difficulty in presenting some pertinent statements and conclusions that can carry to the public the deliberate judgment of the full board.

The statutes provide that the School Committee shall annually submit "a detailed report of the condition of the public schools" within their jurisdiction, "which report shall contain such statement and suggestions as the Committee deem necessary or proper, to promote the interests thereof." This brief and precise, yet comprehensive provision of law, not only enjoins a duty, but also formulates the general scope of the substantive matters such reports should contain within these proper limitations, first, that the report shall embody the judgment and conclusions of the Committee itself, and second, be prepared with a purpose to promote the interests of the schools. The requirement that these reports shall be printed "for the use of the inhabitants of the town," contemplates that the Committee shall prepare them for a helpful service and influence in a specific direction, and assumes that the Committee shall exercise their discretion and judgment to that end. In case the Committee neglect to make and return their reports annually, or in case they fail to make their reports formal and correct, the share of the town in the income of the School Fund shall be withheld from the town, or ten per cent. thereof be deducted therefrom, and in addition to this penalty, a forfeiture of not less than one, or exceeding two hundred dollars, shall be incurred by the town.

The public school system of Massachusetts has always stood and still stands, tested and approved by long practice and experience, the model of the American idea of the true plan of providing for the support and government of public schools. In theory as well as in operation, it preserves to the people the sole power of providing appropriations of money for the support of schools, and the right to elect the School Committee who shall disburse their grants, and possess exclusive authority to govern and control the public schools. In these respects, it preserves the principles of a republican form of government. It assumes that the people can be trusted to elect School Com mittees who shall be worthy of their trust and confidence, and who shall exercise their authority with prudence and discretion. It protects the schools from violent changes, by providing a three years' term of service for each member of the Committee. The authority of the Committee is created and defined by law, and all their duties are enjoined by it. The town cannot invade their domain, to do any act to restrict or modify that authority. And limited and confined as this authority is, to the management and control of the public schools, in a manner to promote their interests, it should never be exercised or influenced by any considerations of a merely political, religious or personal bias. Obviously, therefore, any influences, whether within or outside of the council chamber of the Committee arising from any such bias, and that do not rest solely on a purpose to promote those interests, are not only wrong influences, but positively evil and tend to bad results.

This Committee are grateful for what the town has done to provide more and better facilities and accommodations for our schools, by the erection of the new grammar school building in answer to a need too long postponed. While this will necessitate some additional expense, it will certainly afford the means of realizing under proper conditions, improvements that will amply compensate the town for its investment.

The Committee do not forget the fact that the school room is not the beginning of the duty of educating children, but remember to remind all parents, that the school is only the supplement to the influences and instructions of their homes, which the school can never wholly supplant. This often repeated statement should serve to make every parent who is interested in the personal conduct and work of his children in the school, share in the responsibilities of their teachers, for their improvement, by co-operating in their discipline and instruction. The general appearance, progress and proficiency of the public schools, can be greatly improved and advanced, by adding to the work of the teachers, all the right influences of an interested home.

The Committee have provided a series of free lectures upon selected topics relating to school instruction, by gentlemen who are prominently connected with school work. The series was opened by an address by Mr. James W. McDonald, visiting agent of the State Board of Education, upon the subject of Education, followed by Supt. Louis P. Nash, of Gardner, Mass., on Geography, and Supt. Charles A. Carroll of Worcester, on the "Kindergarten." There are others to be given upon "Drawing and Manual Training," the teaching of Arithmetic, and History. These lectures have been exceedingly interesting and instructive. All parents should avail themselves of these opportunities to know what is going on in the best public schools of to-day.

The attention of citizens is invited to the statistics, accounts and reports, of the acting School Superintendent, and the teachers of the high school and drawing prepared by them and submitted to the Committee, which are appended to this

report, embodying such further matters as they are required to report and return as provided by law.

Respectfully submitted for and in behalf of the School Board of the town.

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, Chairman.

Southbridge, March 14, 1898.

Supplementary Reports.

It is a matter of common knowledge here, that the school Committee is equally divided upon the question of discharging the duty of electing a school Superintendent for the current year, as required by law and the instruction of the town. The deliberations of the Committee upon this subject have at all times been characterized by a spirit of frankness, courtesy and personal consideration, becoming to their relations. They have discussed the subject, with the purpose of so far reconciling their diverse opinions, as to enable them to perform that important duty by the major vote and action of the Committee. Having failed to accomplish this, it has seemed to the subscribers, to be their manifest duty to present to the public a fair statement of the position of the parties to the controversy. We believe that the people of this community should know, and have a right to know, by a just and authoritative statement, the precise points that have divided the Committee into two equal factions, (using this word in no offensive sense,) stripped of any desire to argue the delicate matter here, or to create a prejudice in the minds of any reader, for or against one faction or the other, beyond what such a statement itself may carry as a matter of information. We do not desire to have our position,

or that of our associates misunderstood or that our motives shall be judged by any other test than a frank statement of that position alone affords.

The school year ends with the close of the schools in June. It has usually transpired that at the regular monthly meeting in June, the Committee have designated the teachers for the next year, and elected the Superintendent annually as the law requires. At that meeting on the first Tuesday of last June, their discussion of the subject of electing a school Superintendent disclosed the fact that three members of the Committee favored a change in the supervision of the schools, for reasons frankly stated in kindness of feeling and expression towards all parties concerned.

They urged upon the attention of their associates the proposition that the condition of the public schools here was such. that their satisfactory advancement and proficiency required changes of methods of discipline and instruction, possible to be obtained without important disturbance in the teaching force now in charge of the schools, by electing a younger man, more recently educated under modern methods of instruction, and therefore personally more familiar with them, who possessed the vigor of youth and was more in touch with youth; who was inspired with a personal ambition and enthusiasm for school work, and capable of communicating that among the teachers and their pupils. That a person possessing these qualifications and characteristics for supervising the public schools here could be selected and obtained, and that great improvement could be made in our schools by that step. It was argued that this step was strictly in the line of duty, and in their judgment, it should be promptly taken, for the good of the schools.

The three remaining members of the Committee, objecting to making any change in the personal supervision of the schools, argued the proposition that in their judgment no change was desirable or necessary or likely to be found advantageous to the schools; and therefore, that they deemed it unadvisable to attempt to make any change in the office in response to any known demand for change, or any known desire to effect an improvement in the condition of the public schools by that means.

This statement presents the precise position each side of the contention took in their deliberations. At the regular meeting in September last, a motion to invite candidates applying for the office of school Superintendent, to visit the Committee with a view to an election here, failed to receive but three votes in the Committee. Any action of the Committee in the direction of attempting to perform our duty, has been impossible, without surrendering the judgment we had declared as above stated, and consenting to the re-election of the Superintendent of 1896. But it has never yet occurred to our minds, that only one man existed so conspicuous in the work of supervising public schools, as to be thought suitable to perform that duty here, where his capacity has been so long observed.

But so far as our action is concerned, whatever may be said or conjectured, relative to this unfortunate disagreement, no self-respecting citizen should allow himself to forget that the only important matter for him to consider is what the public schools of the town require, independent of any other consideration of any sort whatever.

Conscious of a desire to do our whole duty to promote the interest of the schools, with fidelity and according to our best judgments, and realizing that we stand before a small army of school-children, whose bright faces and sparkling eyes reflect the hopes of their parents, and embrace the possibilities of the civilization that must follow us, pathetically beseeching us to do our best to prepare them to perform well their duties as citizens, and to lead worthy, prosperous and helpful lives, we in-

vite the candid judgment of every right minded citizen in the discharge of his duties, for a like purpose.

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, GEORGE W. PENNIMAN, ALVA L. HYDE.

Southbridge, March 14, 1898.

The undersigned dissent from the foregoing report, so far as relates to the Superintendency. They have no apologies to make for the course they have taken in the controversy for the last few months. No demand on the part of the people for a change of Superintendent has reached them. They would express their entire confidence in the Superintendent and teachers, and in the efficiency of the schools. The favorable condition of our schools is in large measure, due to the long and efficient service of the Superintendent. The undersigned wish to thank citizens for cordial sympathy and support.

GEORGE M. LOVELL, F. X. TETRAULT, H. WHITTAKER.

Southbridge, March 14, 1898.



Financial Statement.

High School.

Balance from last year,	\$695	26		
Appropriation,	2,900	00		
Tuition from other towns,	313	37		
		_	\$3,908	63

Common Schools.

			13.252	29
Tuition from other towns,	18	00		
Appropriation,	13,200	00		
Balance from last year,	\$34	29		

Contingent Schools.

Balance from last year,	\$4 8	5	
Appropriation,	2,700 0	0	
Books, supplies, etc., sold,	13 6	7	
-		- 2,718 5	2

Apparatus.

Balance from last year,	\$42	91		
Appropriation,	200	00		
			242	91

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Balance from last year,		\$9	70		
Appropriation,	*.	650	00		
			_	\$659	70

Total Resources,

\$20,782 05

The committee have expended:

High School.

Salaries of Teachers,	\$2,631 50		
Janitor and fuel,	500 00		
·		\$3,131	50

Common Schools.

Salaries of Superintendent and teacher	s, \$11,034 7	0	
Care of buildings,	773 8	38	
Fuel,	685 5	0	
Tuition,	94 0	00	
Transportation,	7 0	0	
•		-12,595	08

Contingent Schools.

For books,		\$506 36
For supplies,		702 27
For repairs,		816 02
For incidentals,	and the second second	683 32

2,707 97

Apparatus.

For apparatus and books of reference,

230 92

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Teachers,	\$441	00
Care of rooms,	59	15
Fuel and lights,	42	48
Rent,	35	00
Books and supplies,	18	83
Incidentals,	38	10
,		\$634 56
Total expenditures,		\$19,300 03
Balance in hands of treasurer,		\$1,482 02

Books and supplies on hand, not distributed,

\$792 13

Appropriations for Next Year.

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Incidentals,	\$850 00
,	\$2,950 00
Apparatus,	200 00
Evening schools,	650 00
	\$22,100 00

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee,

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, Chairman.

Southbridge, March 11, 1898.

Superintendent's Report.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF SOUTHBRIDGE:

Gentlemen: The annual report for the year 1897-8 is herewith respectfully submitted. This is the thirteenth of the series of annual reports from this office and the twelfth of the present Superintendent.

Statistics for the Year 1897=8.

Population of the Town, State census, 1895,	8,250
Valuation of the Town for 1897,	\$3,589,172
Number of elected teachers employed March 1, 1898	, 26
Number of helpers employed March 1, 1898,	5
Number of polls,	1,467
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age,	1,708
Number enrolled in public schools during the year,	1,275
Number under 5 years of age,	25
Number over 15 years of age,	119
Number between 5 and 15,	1,126
Number between 8 and 14,	.656
Average number belonging,	870.62
Average daily attendance,	816.76
Per cent. of attendance,	93.81

Cost Per Pupil.

Current expenses, including teaching, fuel and	care
of buildings,	\$15,726 58
Cost per pupil, based on total enrollment,	12 33

Cost per pupil, based on average enrollment,	\$16	22
Total expenditures, less permanent repairs,	19,195	54
Cost per pupil based on whole number,	15	06
Cost per pupil based on average enrollment,	19	77
Cost per pupil in High school,	28	47
Through the courtesy of the instructors we are a	ble to g	ive
the following statistics of the parochial schools:		
Number enrolled at the Notre Dame Parochial school	, '	775
Average number belonging,		610
Average attendance,		542
Per cent. of attendance,	88	.52
Total enrollment at St. Mary's Parochial school,		156
Average number belonging,		147
Average attendance,		139
Per cent of attendance,	94	.56

Attendance by Schools.

schools.	Whole Number Enrolled.	Average Number Belonging.	Average attend-	Per cent. of attendance.	Per cent. of Tardiness of each Pupil.	Number of Weeks and Days of School.
High School,	110	87.70	84.81	96.92	4.00	38-1
Higher Grammar—Main street, -	47	31.37	29.53	94.13	3.32	36-3
School street,	23	18.16	17.58	96.81	.52	36–3
Lower Grammar-Main street, -	50	38.67	35.21	91.08	6.16	36-3
School street, -	46	32 61	31.36	96.16	.74	36-3
Intermediate—Main street,	76	48.97	44 74	91.37	1.77	36-2
Union street, -	46	34 86	33.49	96.07	1.26	36-3
Union street, -	30	21.12	19.74	93 47	5.47	36-3
River street,	38	21.25	20.17	94.92	1 32	36-2
Town Hall,	48	29.65	27.41	92.44	2.00	36-2
Higher PrimaryElm street, -	63	48.68	44.92	92.27	3.60	36
School street, -	51	38.08	36.26	95 21	2.00	36–3
Carpenter, -	58	33.37	31.47	94.31	2.90	36-2
Lower Primary-Main street, -	74	43.94	40.72	92.67	3.40	36-2
Town Hall, -	38	31.26	28.72	91.88	1.45	36-1
Elm street, -	47	35.52	33.17	93.41	1:13	36-2
School street, -	81	57.36	55.04	95.96	1.13	36-2
Grade I—River street,	61	38 43	37.32	97.09	.46	36-2
Grade II—River street,	47	25.50	23.36	91 00	4.76	36–2
Carpenter,	102	55.27	52.17	94.38	3.48	36-2
Mixed Primary-Ammidown, -	48	35.11	32 64	92 90	2.79	36-1
Sumner,	49	31.42	26.86	85.45	.51	36-3
Ungraded-Bacon,	18	15.35	14.44	94.09	1.15	36-4
Hooker,	24	16.97	15.63	92.10	.75	36-1
	1275	\$70.62	816.76	93.81	2.52	36–3

Corps of Teachers, March 1, 1898.

NAME.	SALARY.	DATE OF FIRST ELECTION.	GRADE.	GRADUATED,
J. T. Clarke, F. E. Corbin, Calvin C. Brackett, - Elizabeth Perry,	\$1,400 1,300 600 600	1886 1886 1897 1897		Dartmouth College. Williams College. Bates' College. Wellesley College.
Tarres IV Changedoon	Per Month.	1897	Grammar.	Michala Academan
Laura E. Shepardson, - Frances C. Lawrence, -	44	1897 1897 1890	VII and VIII.	Nichols Academy. Framingham Nor'l.
Isabel P. Taylor, Alice Holmes,	46	1878	VII and VIII.	Southbridge H. S. Palmer H. S.
Louise O. Twombly, -	40	1892	Intermediate. IV and V.	Salem Normal S.
*Mary E. Meagher, - Alice B. Aldrich, -	$\frac{40}{36}$	1887 1889	VI. V.	Southbridge H. S. Worcester N. S.
*Jane Farquhar,	36 40	1887 1880	IV and V.	Quincy Training S. Wellesley College.
Mary E. Clemence, - Margaret E. Dougherty,	36	1897	III.	Framingham Nor'l.
*A. Rebecca Rowley, - Martha Cutting, -	36 36	1865 1885	III and IV.	Southbridge H. S. Southbridge H. S.
Mabel J. Newell, -	36 36	1892 1858	I and II. I and II.	Southbridge H. S.
Mrs. Susan M. Knight, Mary E. McCabe,	36	1890	I and II.	Southbridge H. S. Quincy Training.
*Agnes M. Meagher, - *Mary A. Ellis, -	36 36	1886 1883	I and II.	Southbridge H. S. Southbridge H. S.
*Clara P. Chase,	36	1896	II and III.	Brimfield H. S.
Margaret G. Butler, Ida M. Plimpton	36 40	1893 1886	I. Ungraded.	Southbridge H. S. Southbridge H. S.
Mary L. Boardman, - Lizzie E. Morse,	36 36	1891 1897	66	Southbridge H. S. Southbridge H. S.
*Jennie Simpson,	32	1897	. · ·	Framingham Nor'l.
Anna F. Eager, Adah Childs,	yr.500 36	1896 1898	Drawing. Substitute.	Normal Art School. Worcester Normal.
H. Genevieve Hyde, - Nettie V. Stone, -	20 20	$\frac{1896}{1895}$	Helper.	Southbridge H. S. Southbridge H. S.
Winifred M. Kinney, -	16	1896	66	Southbridge H. S.
Carrie M. Holland, - Ida M. Brown,	12 24	1898 1898	"	Southbridge H. S. Boston K'd'rgarten.
Mrs. H. N. Carpenter,			Music.	

^{*} P. O. address, Globe Village, Mass.

Attendance Roll of Honor.

List of pupils reported as perfect in attendance, neither absent nor tardy during the year. Others have always been in their places except when detained by sickness.

Alice Sanders, Exilia Demers, Katherine Flood, Arthur Blanchard, Charles Wood. Arthur Lacroix, Willie Flood. Ernest Simmons. Maude Phipps, Wm. J. O'Halloran, Eugene L. Tetrault, Telesphore Leduc, Margaret B. Toben, Marion Morse, Chrissie Keyes, Zetta Morse. Marjorie Morse,

Perfect in attendance two terms:

Minnie Ellam, Lizzie Kelley, Lucy Reed, Nellie Thompson, Adelbert Chamberlin Arthur Stevenson, Ita Morse. Walter Maguire, Etta Herber, Walter S. Malloy, Henry Kendall, Louis Leduc. John Brennan. Annie Vincellette. Amede Delage, Ida Ferron, John Coggans, Albert Brousseau, Wilfred Brousseau, Joseph Duhamel, Evelyn Gagnon, George Dumas, Eugenie Tetrault, Lydie Tetrault, Fred Tetrault. Mary Tetrault, Eva DesMarchais. Permina DesMarchais. Russell Morse.

119 others have been perfect in attendance one term.

The school census of last May, as returned by the enrollment officer, gave 1,708 children between the ages of 5 and 15—an increase of 57 over the previous year. The enrollment in the schools is 33 more than last year. The per cent. of attendance for the year is 93.81, showing a more regular attendance than at any time for the past six years except for the year 1895–6. This is not so good as is desired, or as it would be if all teachers had classes of reasonable size, so that the pupils could be looked after more sharply.

The registers record 556 visits by parents and interested friends during the year, not including those of the Superintendent and special teachers.

These visits are an encouragement to teachers and Superintendent, and parents are earnestly desired to visit schools frequently and to co-operate with teachers in the work which is of common interest. Every day is visiting day. If anyone has criticisms to make, suggestions of improvements, the Superintendent and committee would welcome the benefit of such observations. Adverse criticism upon schools and teachers is productive only of mischief unless made to those who have the power to investigate and apply remedies. Children quickly catch the tone of criticism and the spirit of disloyalty and insubordination is engendered, resulting only in injury to the school.

The following table shows the statistics for the past six years.

	May Enroll- ment.	Total Enroll- ment in the Schools.	Average number belonging.	Per cent. of attendance.
1892–3,	1701	1144	738.94	92.84
1893–4,	1783	1187	745.35	93.24
1894–5,	1731	1115	777.48	93.66
1895–6,	1678	1125	752.40	94.21
1896–7,	1651	1242	861.36	93.25
1897–8,	1708	1275	870.62	93.81

The financial statement shows a balance to the credit of each account.

There has been received for tuitions of pupils from other towns \$331.37 and \$94 have been paid for tuition. The total expenses of the year are \$796.24 more than for the preceding year.

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Truant Officers.

The Truant Officers have attended to their duties, responding to the calls of teachers to look after absentees, visiting the homes of delinquents and returning boys to their places in school. The excuses generally assigned for absence are illness or lack of clothing.

They report:	
Number of visits to schools,	31
Number of calls upon parents,	103
Boys taken to school,	30
Number taken before the court,	0

Number sent to Truant School,

MONROE REYNOLDS,
JAMES BROWN,
Truant Officers.

Evening Schools.

These schools were opened at the usual time and continued for three months, each of the four divisions having 41 or 42 evenings.

The schools were conducted in a quiet, orderly manner and with very little friction. The character of the work done was in the same lines as in previous years, reading, writing and language, some of the work being more advanced than in previous years.

It has been hoped each year that classes could be formed in more advanced studies, but very seldom has anyone presented himself who was prepared for advanced work. It would be gratifying to see our young people interested to pursue a higher course of study, and ample provision would no doubt be made to meet such a demand. There are many boys and girls who were obliged to leave school at an early age to join the ranks of bread winners. It would seem that a good number of these should be glad to embrace the opportunity of broadening their limited education by a course in a higher grade at the evening schools; but the demand for a higher course has not yet appeared. At the Y. M. C. A. an opportunity was given last fall for forming classes for the winter in several important branches of study to be conducted by efficient teachers, but the attendance was so small that the classes were soon discontinued.

Number of schools,	4
Number of teachers employed,	7
Number of pupils enrolled, boys 113, girls 83,	196
Number who attended 70 per cent. of the sessions,	155
Average number belonging,	160.93
Average attendance,	135.83
Per cent. of attendance,	84.40
Total cost of schools for the season,	\$634 56
Cost per pupil,	\$3 24

Repairs.

Repairs more extensive than usual were made during the summer at several of the school buildings. As recommended in the report of last year, the School street building was reshingled at an expense of \$152.73. At the Hooker school house a small addition was made, furnishing additional wood room and separate closets. The school room was much improved, a jacketed stove, with means of ventilation was provided, and a new case for books and supplies was placed in the room. The outside of the building was repainted. The total outlay was \$104.49.

At School street and River street houses some rooms were kalsomined, and the inside work painted in both buildings. The cost was \$117.27. The outside of the house at Sandersdale was repainted at a cost of \$53.95. At the Main street building the paint was renewed outside and inside at an expense of \$60.02. In several buildings a floor dressing was applied much to the improvement of the rooms. This was done at an expense of \$80.85.

When the new building on Marcy street is ready for occupancy, considerable expense will necessarily be incurred in changing the furniture, and putting the desks and rooms in order for the several schools.

The Common Schools account will require some addition caused by this change, to the appropriation to cover increased expenses. Several schools are now altogether too large for effective work, and in the re-organization, placing only a reasonable number of pupils in each room, additional schools must be formed, making an increased expense for teachers. More will also be required for janitors' services and for fuel.

At the River street school house three rooms are now occupied by day schools. After the new building is occupied, at least two of these rooms will still be required for the primary grades of that locality. The sanitary condition of this building is in every respect, unsatisfactory. The only means of ventilation is by windows and doors. The heating is by the old style box-stoves with no ingress of pure air to temper the heat. The closets are the worst feature. As this building must be continued in use, I recommend that a jacketed stove like those in use at Elm street, be placed in each of the rooms on the first floor, ventilating registers placed at the base of the chimneys—the chimneys being of sufficient size to funish considerable ventilation—and the closets be improved and made as free from objection as possible until such time as aqueduct

water shall be available in this locality, making it practicable to provide a system of water closets.

Attention is again called to the insufficient light in the rooms at the Main street and School street buildings. There is lack of window space at the rear of these rooms, so that on cloudy days frequently the regular work of the classes has to be suspended. The lower rooms at the Main street building have less light than the others on account of the large building in close proximity in the rear. At School street additional windows could be inserted over the black boards at moderate cost, as this is a wooden building. The remedy should be applied at both houses, as the imperfect light is liable to result in injury to the sight of the children.

Text Books.

The books in our schools, with very few exceptions, are of the latest issues. Books in constant use last but a few years. As the town is required to furnish these, it costs no more to buy new, fresh editions than to replenish with the old. So great in these days is the advance in scientific discovery that the most of our books must be revised every few years to hold their place in the schools.

The series of Geography now in use were issued in 1897, the Arithmetics in 1895, the Language books in 1889. The Histories are recent revisions. In no direction has greater change and advance been made than in the reading books for schools. Instead of the regular reader series, in general use a few years ago, made up of extracts and articles of questionable value, books having a special purpose are now provided,—geographical readers, stories from history, biographical sketches; books of classic literature and nature-study,—books of interest

to the pupil, instructive and helpful in the various branches of study pursued in the schools, so that when History or Geography is taken up for formal study, the pupils are already somewhat familiar with the language and characters of the subject, and are able to make more rapid progress. It is the aim of our teachers to have the children read intelligently, grasping the thought of the author, and to interest them in good literature so that after leaving school they will be well informed in a variety of subjects and have a taste for literature that is worth reading.

Supervision.

From questions often asked it would seem that the office of Superintendent of schools is not well understood by the general public. The idea is quite prevalent that he is under no restrictions, that he can be guided by his own judgment in all matters pertaining to the conduct of the schools; that he can employ or dismiss teachers, that he can exchange books or introduce new books, as it seems best to him, without reference to the school Committee. The facts are otherwise. The Superintendent may not appoint, dismiss or transfer teachers, change the course of study, the marking system, or the form of graduating exercises without direction of the board. He may suspend or discipline a pupil, but it is the province of the Committee to expel. He may not transfer a pupil to another school by his own authority. In short, he is the agent of the board, advising and suggesting, but guided always by their decisions. The regulations of the school Committee of Southbridge give to the Superintendent the same authority that is ordinarily given in other places, and more power than he is given in some towns. By the rules of the Committee, as by the statutes, he is the executive agent and secretary of the school board. Under the direction of the board, he is to see that the school houses are kept in proper condition; he is to purchase and distribute all necessary supplies; prepare the pay roll of teachers and janitors, present all bills to the board for approval and draw all orders authorized by them; he is to recommend teachers for positions, examine and issue certificates to those appointed; superintend examinations and regulate the grading of pupils; he is to hold teachers' meetings and direct in methods of instruction and discipline; to see that the school laws are faithfully observed and at regular meetings of the board, make report of his doings.

He is expected to keep himself informed of what is going on in the educational world, to be familiar with all new and progressive methods, to make teaching a study, and to recommend such changes in books and methods of work, as in his judgment will be for the advantage of the schools.

There is a growing tendency in the state to give the Superintendent more power. In some cities he is given full control by committees, and is held responsible only for results.

The average member of the school Committee cannot be expected to concern himself in the detail work of the class room; his previous training has given no special fitness for such work. The detail work of methods in teaching and courses of study must of necessity be left to Superintendent and teachers.

High School.

At the High School the average number belonging for the year has been 88, the largest number for any one month was 97. The seating capacity of the main room admits of 63 desks. Whenever the entire school meets in this room about one-third

of the pupils must sit upon settees. It would be a great advantage in the management of the High School to have a sufficient number of desks to accommodate the entire school. The school increases each year, and some provision must be made in the near future for this increase.

The rear part of the High School room is under a separate, one story roof—a projection from the main building, and can be extended without affecting the main building. An extension of 15 feet would increase the seating capacity to 108. An extension of 21 feet would admit 126 desks. The extension should be 25 feet, giving an open space of a few feet in the rear of the room.

The reputation of our High School has suffered in the past from the conduct of a few boys who attend school for no good purpose. They show little interest in their studies, and appear to have no higher ambition than to plot ways of mischief without being discovered. There has been less of this the past year but too much for the good name of the school. The reputation of the school has suffered less from real happenings than from exaggerated reports of very small-boy misdemeanors. The tendency to make a large story of a small foundation of fact shows a spirit of disloyalty to the school which is anything but commendable.

In many High Schools the regular course to fit for college has been extended to five years. One year of Latin in the Grammar school would relieve to some extent the pressure of work in the High School, and for those contemplating the classical course it may seem desirable.

The requirements of the Grammar and High Schools cannot be successfully accomplished without home study. Home study needs the co-operation of parents with teachers. Pupils should understand that school is their business, and should not be allowed to attend entertainments during the evenings of school day sessions. The curfew bell, growing so

rapidly in favor in cities and towns in the West, might be a wise provision for preventing misspent evenings in Southbridge. No one can see the throng of boys that lounge upon our streets evenings without regretting that the "Devil's playground" should be so well patronized.

The English or Business course in our High School would be made far more practical and valuable by the introduction of facilities for learning typewriting, shorthand and telegraphy. These branches are attractive features in very many of the High Schools of our Commonwealth.

A revised course of study in preparation is expected to be ready for the next school year. It requires no little time and study to prepare a course that shall cover the various topics that enter into the work of the several grades. Its purpose is to secure uniformity in the studies pursued in classes of the same grade, and to furnish suggestions and directions to aid teachers in their work.

The revised course will be on the basis of a nine years' course. Not one pupil in ten of ordinary capacity spends more than eight or nine years in the schools below the high school. Occasionally one completes the course in seven years.

Report of the High School.

MR. J. T. CLARKE, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir: I have the honor of presenting you the report of the High School for the year 1897-8.

There have been 110 pupils enrolled during the past year: 45 boys, 65 girls.

Of this number 20 have attended from out of town, the largest number so attending in the school's history.

In accordance with the suggestion of my last report nine new desks were added at the beginning of the fall term, thus affording a temporary relief.

The steady growth of the school will soon require the services of another assistant teacher. The longest recitation period is 45 minutes and some of the classes certainly need more time.

The fall term began with new assistants who brought to their work valuable experience gained in other schools, and their success proves how much better it is for the good of the school that teachers gain their experience elsewhere, rather than at our expense.

Our pupils are now admitted at all New England colleges on certificate, except at Harvard and Yale, which receive no pupils in that way. As stated on the term report this certificate is given to all pupils desiring it who gain a rank of 85 per cent.

While our pupils have been entering college for the last six years of my principalship, on certificate, and obtaining high rank, yet it seems necessary to make the foregoing statement in view of the fact that some of our townspeople still wonder if the High School fits for college.

I believe there is no country High School in Massachusetts that does so much work along many lines as our own school.

Our graduates are numbered as graduates of, or now attending the following higher institutions: Harvard, Brown, Amherst, Massachusetts State College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Boston University, Radcliffe, Smith, Colby, and Mt. Holyoke, certainly both a long and honorable list. The class of '98 as a token

of good will to their Alma Mater presented the school with copies of Bryant's Iliad and Odyssey and a bust of Homer.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. CORBIN.

Report of the Supervisor of Drawing.

The work in drawing this year has shown a gradual improvement, the children appearing to understand the forms studied, and the principles used in their representation, better than last year. The fall fruits, leaves, and dried weeds were drawn in connection with the regular nature work. This was followed by the drawing of models and objects and some simple groups were studied. Drawing from life formed an interesting feature and the upper grades have tested their ability in representing one of their own number or one of the primary pupils.

The study of celebrated paintings has been introduced as a newfeature, and the children have been much interested in the different artists, many of them buying copies of the noted pictures. As these can be obtained at a very small price, the children have been encouraged to make collections of them. Prominent educators have highly recommended these pictures as they lead to refinement of taste and give the child a love for what is really beautiful. William DeWitt Hyde says: "It is not so much consequence what a boy knows when he leaves school, as what he loves. The greater part of what he knows he will speedily forget; what he loves he will feed on."

In the work in design, as well as in other departments of drawing, the practical side of the subject is considered; so designs are made for book-covers, prints, cups and saucers, etc. In mechanical work, the geometric figures are studied, and the children are shown the use of such simple forms as the circle, square and oblong in the constructive arts. In two of the grades, mechanical drawings are made of different objects of use, and these objects are constructed in wood from the drawings. The boys are quite enthusiastic over their wood work and try hard to reach a high standard of workmanship. Mr. Larsson, principal of the Sloyd Training School, says: "Sloyd is tool work so arranged and employed as to stimulate and promote vigorous, intelligent, self-activity for a purpose which the worker recognizes as good. The spontaneous exercise of the creative faculties for a useful and good end is a moral tonic. The mere acquisition of skill is not necessarily so."

In the High School the upper class is interested in charcoal work, drawing and shading the different models singly and in groups. The freshman class is making outline drawings. Some engravings from Turner's paintings, loaned us by a friend, proved a source of much enjoyment and profit.

Thanking the Superintendent and teachers for their hearty co-operation,

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA F. EAGER.

The Schools.

Commendable progress has been made in our schools during the year. Our teachers are faithful, efficient and progressive. Their labors in the interest of their classes are not confined to the hours of the school sessions. Early and late they may be found busy at their work, and their industry and patience are worthy of high commendation. In these days of advancing thought the teacher must be progressive, must be ever on the

alert to cull from the mass of educational literature claiming attention, whatever of thought may be helpful in the best prosecution of her work. When the teacher ceases to advance, when she fails to find herself with better mental equipment--a better teacher—at the end of the year than at the beginning, she will find that she is fast getting into the ruts, and should give place to one whose whole soul is in the work. The year has been one of more than ordinary healthfulness. No school has been seriously interrupted by the spread of contagious disease. This, no doubt, is in no small measure due to watchful care on the part of the teachers to sanitary details in the school rooms. Care is taken that each pupil has his own books and materials, and every precaution is taken to prevent interchanges. Many of the children have their own drinking cups, and parents are advised to furnish each child with his own cup, that another menace to health may be avoided.

The over-crowded condition of many of the lower schools has allowed very little time for systematic work in some important lines. For this reason less attention than is desirable, has been given to nature study, to map drawing and map building, to individual work, and the study of the individual child, although not a little has been accomplished in these directions. Those who examined our *Exhibit* of school work last June saw that these subjects were by no means wholly neglected, but that creditable work had been done—work that would compare not unfavorably with that seen elsewhere.

The re-organization of the schools next year under more favorable conditions should be the signal for marked advance in all lines.

So far as practicable, the schools should be organized with only one grade in a room. Under such conditions the classes can be arranged in half year grades, thereby greatly simplifying the matter of grading and promotions and saving time to many pupils. There should be one ungraded school to receive those

pupils who are not prepared to enter one of the regular classes. Such a class would prove a great advantage to those children who enter from other systems of schools, who may be well advanced in some studies but deficient in others. Here special attention can be given to the matters in which they are deficient, so that in most cases, in a brief time they can be placed in the regular classes, and often, in grades higher than they could go without this special training.

However desirable Manual Training, Cooking Schools and a System of Kindergarten Schools may be, they should not be inaugurated without mature deliberation. Careful consideration should be given to the character of the schools and to the expense of establishing them. To insure success and satisfaction, they should be of high order, fully equipped with all needful appliances, and with skilled teachers.

It is fitting that I should, in closing, express heartiest thanks to all who by expressions of encouragement and confidence have lightened the labors of the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. T. CLARKE, Superintendent.

Graduating Class of 1897.

"LOYAL EN TOUT."

CHARLES ARTHUR TETRAULT, ALLIE URSULA PUTNEY, BERTHA FRANCES HYDE, FRANK SIBLEY CHIPMAN, HERBERT WILLIAM ELLAM.

PROGRAMME OF GRADUATING EXERCISES.

MARCH. "Welcome Guest." ORCHESTRA
OVERTURE. "Poet and Peasant." Suppe
Orchestra.
Prayer Rev. H. Jerome White
CHORUS. "The Merry Mountaineers." THE SCHOOL
SALUTATORY AND ESSAY. "Solidarity." CHARLES ARTHUR TETRAULT
Trio. "Down in the Dewy Dell."
Essay. "Existence-Its Possibilities." BERTHA FRANCES HYDE
SEMI-CHORUS. "The Wild White Thorn." THE SCHOOL
Essay. "Decision." Frank Sibley Chipman
OVERTURE. "Rival." Pettee
Orchestra.
CHORUS. "The Red Scarf." THE SCHOOL
Essay. "Trifles." Allie Ursula Putney
QUARTETTE. "Twilight Bells."
ESSAY AND VALEDICTORY. "The Development of Civilization."
HERBERT WILLIAM ELLAM
CHORUS. "Good Night." THE SCHOOL
Presentation of Diplomas by Chairman of School Committee.
Overture. "Lila." Harris
Orchestra.
BENEDICTION.
MARCH. "King Cotton Sousa

"Vale."

Farewell! Farewell! The sunlight grows less golden,
And creeping closer comes the year's dull night.

Oh, past short months with joy and song enfolden;
Oh, happy future, opening clear and bright.

Farewell! Farewell! The thrush note bell like ringing,
No more the neighboring hills is heard among;
Yea, all the songsters that so late were singing,
Are hushed, as now our parting song is sung.

Farewell! Farewell! The flowers their heads are drooping,And many a one lies withered on the sod,As parting now with trembling eyelids drooping,Our prayers arise beseechingly to God.

Farewell! Farewell! The sun is slowly sinking,
Behind the mountains to the far off west;
Some gorgeous clouds, the day and night are linking,
But darkness comes, that rude unwelcome guest.

Farewell! Farewell! But still the stars are shining Which from the black hung heavens send their rays; Those steadfast stars which bid us cease repining—
For night-time ends with Future's opening day.

Flag Days.

Jan'y	1.	Emancipation proclamation.	1863
Feb'y	12.	Lincoln's birthday.	1809
·	15.	Incorporation of Town of Southbridge.	1816
	22.	Washington's birthday.	1732
Mar.	17.	Evacuation of Boston by the British.	1776
April	2.	Jefferson's birthday.	1743
	9.	Lee's surrender.	1865
	19.	Battle of Lexington.	1775
	27.	Gen. Grant's birthday.	1822
May	23.	Foundation of Jamestown.	1607
	30.	Memorial Day.	1866
June	17.	Battle of Bunker Hill.	1775
	20.	United States flag adopted.	1777
July	4.	Declaration of Independence.	1776
Aug.	16.	Battle of Bennington.	1777
Sept.	3.	Treaty of Paris.	1783
	5.	First Continental Congress.	1774
	17.	United States constitution adopted.	1787
	18.	Surrender of Quebec.	1759
Oct.	12.	Discovery of America by Columbus.	1492
	17.	Surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga.	1777
	19.	Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.	1781
Nov.	25.	Evacuation of New York by the British.	1783
Dec.	16.	Boston tea-party.	1773
	21.	Landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth.	1620
	24.	Treaty of Ghent.	1814

Also on Labor day,—the first Monday in September; the day of the annual state election; the day of the annual town meeting; the day of the inauguration of a president of the

United States, or of a governor of Massachusetts; the opening and closing days of a term; and such other days as may be directed.

Calendar for 1898=9.

HIGH SCHOOL-40 weeks.

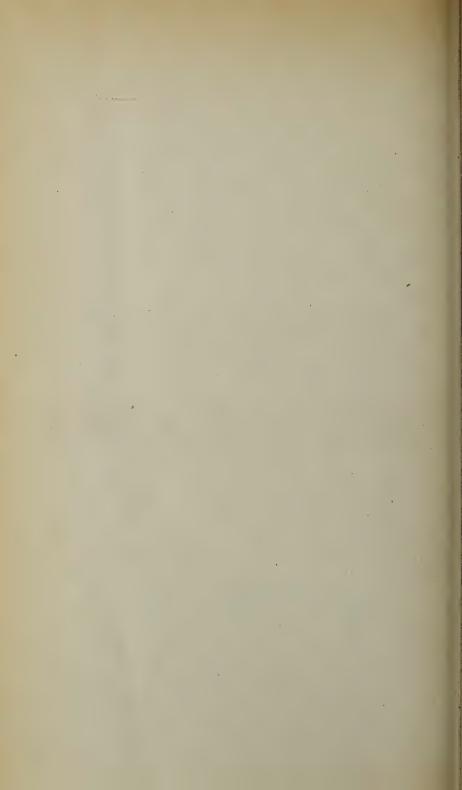
- Spring Term, 15 weeks, begins on Monday, March 7; ends on Friday, June 24, 1898. Recess one week ending April 9.
- Fall Term, 16 weeks, begins on Tuesday, September 6; ends Friday, December 23.
- Winter Term, 9 weeks, begins on Monday, January 2, 1899; ends Friday, March 3.
- Spring Term, 15 weeks, begins on Monday, March 6; ends Friday, June 23. Vacation one week, ending April 8.

COMMON SCHOOLS-38 weeks.

- Spring Term, 14 3-5 weeks, begins on Monday, February 28; ends Wednesday, June 22. Vacation from March 26, to April 9.
- Fall Term, 15 3-5 weeks, begins on Tuesday, September 6; ends Wednesday, December 21.
- Winter Term, 8 weeks, begins on Monday, January 2, 1899; ends Friday, February 24.
- Spring Term, 14 3-5 weeks, begins Monday, February 27; ends Wednesday, June 21. Vacation 2 weeks, ending April 8.

HOLIDAYS.

Every Saturday; Washington's Birthday; Patriots' Day; Memorial Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving and the day following.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

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Selectmen's Report.

The itemized accounts of the board of Auditors has given in full the expenditures of appropriations of the different departments under our charge. We have endeavored to be economical in all departments, but contingencies constantly arise which necessitate a continual outlay of money, whereby some of the accounts are quite heavily overdrawn.

Highways.

The highways and streets are in good condition, with the exception of Hamilton street, which is in a very deplorable state and will be until the street is either block paved or macadamized, which should not be done until the street is sewered.

Sidewalks.

The sidewalks are growing better every year. The old brick walks are fast disappearing and concrete is taking the place. A small appropriation each year will soon clean out all the old brick walks, which have become dangerous.

Bridges.

The bridges as a whole are in good condition. River street bridge and the iron bridge at the Globe should be new planked,

also some of the bridges need painting, to protect them from the weather. Our recommendation for this account will cover these expenditures.

Fire Department.

The fire department is ably looked after, and is kept up to its standard as a first-class department, well manned and equipped and in good hands. The Chief's report will give in full the doings of this department.

War Relief.

The war relief account is growing larger. Every year demands are heavy for the relief of the soldiers, their widows and orphans, and we feel obliged to ask for an increased appropriation.

New Armory.

During the past year the town has built a new armory for the use of the militia. The expense of maintaining Co. K has increased, therefore we have been obliged to ask for a larger appropriation, but when the town receives back from the state the \$525 which the state now pays, the difference will be small.

Repairs.

Repairs have been made upon the town hall, which has drawn quite heavily on this account, and as other repairs must be made, we have asked for an increased appropriation.

Special Appropriations.

At the annual meeting held last April, there was appropriated about \$2700.00 (twenty seven hundred dollars) for special improvements. With one exception the improvements have been completed within the appropriation—the extension of Mechanics street, the gravelling of Coombs street, and the completion of the walk on Elm street between Park and Summer streets. The walk on Hamilton street between Pine and Cross streets, the sum appropriated was inadequate, as we were obliged to excavate from two to three feet of loam and muck and fill with gravel in order to get a good foundation for the curb and concrete. This extra work has overdrawn the appropriation.

Shade Trees.

Complaints have come to the Selectmen of the cutting down and removing of shade trees standing along our highways. We herein print Sec. 15 of the By-Laws of the Town:

SECTION 15. No person shall cut down or remove any ornamental or shade trees standing in a highway, town way or street, unless the same obstructs such ways or endangers, hinders or incommodes persons traveling thereon, without first giving notice of his intention to one or more of the Selectmen or Road Commissioners of the town; and if the Selectmen or Road Commissioners desire to retain the tree they shall give notice of such desire to such person within ten days thereafter; and the damages caused by the retaining of said tree shall be determined in the same manner as in a case of damage by the alteration of such highway, town way or street.

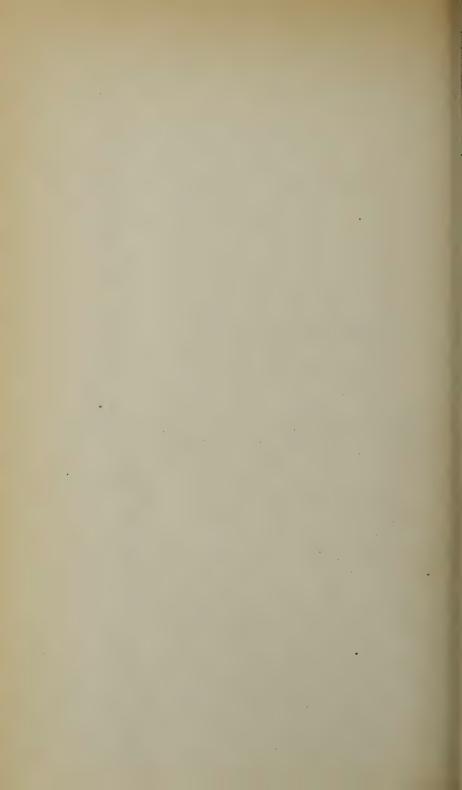
O. B. E. CHIPMAN,
J. M. OLNEY,
CALVIN CLAFLIN,
Selectmen of Southbridge.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Health.



BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897.

Total number of deaths, exclusive of still-births,	159
Number of still-births,	. 5
Number of deaths of males,	82
Number of deaths of females,	82

DEATH RATE BY AGE.

		Total.	Male.	Female.
Deaths of persons	under 1 year,	45	25	20
	from 1 to 2 years,	6	2	, 4
	from 2 to 3 years,	4 .	2	2
	from 3 to 4 years,	1	0	1
	from 4 to 5 years,	2	0	2
	from 5 to 10 years,	4	1	3
	from 10 to 15 years,	2	1.	. 1
	from 15 to 20 years,	8	1	7
	from 20 to 30 years,	9	3	. 6
	from 30 to 40 years,	12	8	4
	from 40 to 50 years,	8.	4	4
	from 50 to 60 years,	10	6	4
	from 60 to 70 years,	15	. 9	6
	from 70 to 80 years,	14	6	8
	over 80 years,	11	5	6
	age unknown,	0	0	0

DEATH RATE BY MONTHS.

January,	. 11	July,	17
February,	13	August,	18
March,	14	September,	19
April,	10	October,	16
May,	11	November,	11
June,	8	December,	16
	CAUSES	OF DEATH.	
Consumption,	15	Diseases of kidney,	13
Diphtheria and		Diseases of heart,	7
Erysipelas,	0	Cancer,	3

Cholera infantum, 15 Suicide, 1
Diarrhœa, 4 Unknown and ill-defined
Pneumonia, 4 causes, 40

Accident.

All other causes,

30

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Bronchitis, 6
Diseases of brain, 13

Puerperal fever,

There have been a few cases of typhoid fever, mostly of mild type.

Of contagious and infectious diseases there have been a few cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria.

[Public Statutes, Chap. 80, Sect. 78, Acts of 1884, Chap. 98, and Acts of 1891, Chap. 188.]

(1.) When a householder knows that a person within his family is sick of small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or any other disease dangerous to the public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the selectmen or board of health of the town in which he dwells, and upon the death, recovery or removal of such person, the rooms occupied and the articles used by him shall be disinfected by such householder in a man-

ner approved by the board of health. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with either of the above provisions shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

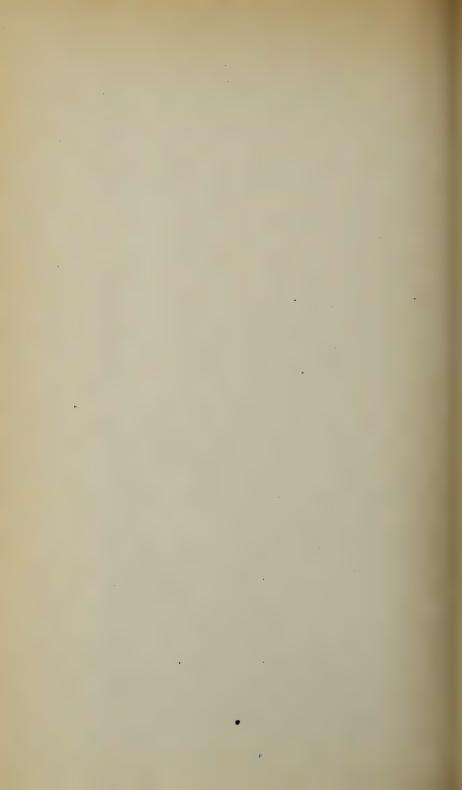
(2.) When a physician knows that a person whom he is called to visit is infected with small-pox, diphtheria, searlet fever or any other disease dangerous to public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof in writing, over his own signature, to the selectmen or board of health of the town; and if he refuses or neglects to give such notice he shall forfeit for each offence not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars.

Membraneous croup is diphtheria of the larynx, and as such should be reported as diphtheria.

A proper regard for the principles of quarantine and disinfection in cases of infectious and contagious diseases may prevent much in the way of sickness and death.

Respectfully,

F. H. OLIN, M. D., Secretary of Board of Health.



Town Clerk's Report.

Vital Statistics.

Number of marriages, births and deaths, in the town of Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Number of marriages— American, 21 French, 48 Irish, 5 3 Sweden, Poland, 1 German, -79 Number of Deaths-American, 31 French, 100 Irish, 26 Sweden, 2 English, 2 Austria, Scotch, 1 **—** 163 Number of Births— American, 35 French, 227

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Irish,

Sweden,	3
English,	4
Poland,	9
Austria,	1
Nova Scotia,	1
Greek,	1
German,	1
Scotch,	1
Portugal,	1
	311
Number of Dogs licensed—	
Males,	359
Females,	22
	381

Insurance on Town Property.

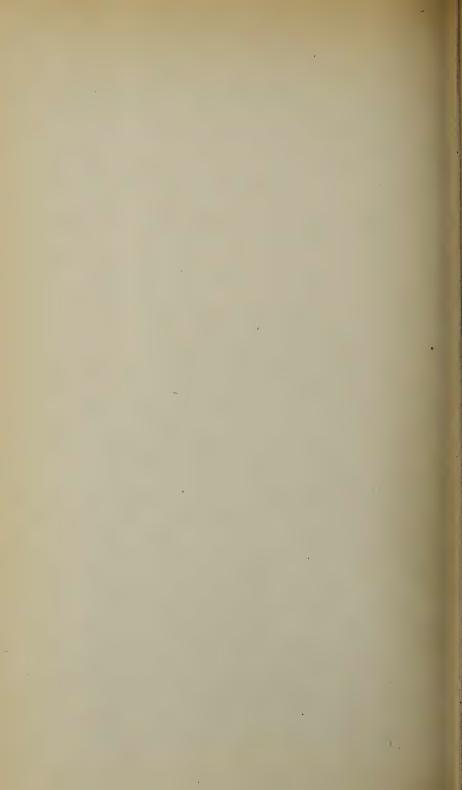
Town hall building and contents,	\$60,000	00
Boiler, town hall building,	5,000	00
Engine house and contents, Globe Village,	8,500	00
Engine house and contents, Central street,	4,000	00
Storage barn and contents near Main street,	1,900	00
Almshouse and contents,	10,300	00
Library building,	2,500	00
Printed books, etc., public library,	10,200	00
New school house, Marcy street,	20,000	00
Brick school house, furniture, etc.,	7,000	00
School house, School street,	4,700	00
School house, Sandersdale,	2,000	00
School house, Union street,	2,000	00
School house, Pleasant street,	2,000	00
School house, Elm street,	1,600	00

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School house, near Morris street,	\$1,500 00
School house, Bacon district,	600 00
School house, Sumner district,	600 00
School house, Hooker district,	600 00
Armory,	5,500 00
	* \$150,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR M. PHILLIPS,
Town Clerk.



REPORT OF

PLUMBING INSPECTORS.

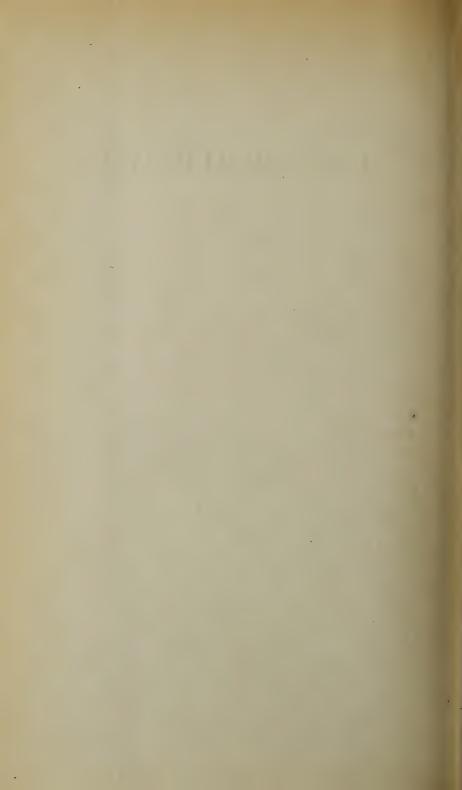
TO THE SOUTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Plumbing Inspectors submit the following report of work examined and approved by them the past year:

New water closets put in,	43
Old water closets repaired and put in good order,	3
New sinks put in,	43
Old sinks repaired and furnished with traps and	ventilation
pipes,	10
New bath tubs put in,	20
New lavatories put in,	16
New wash trays put in,	3
Connections with public sewer,	5
Number of jobs examined and approved,	51

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. SMITH,M. E. KELLY,Inspectors of Plumbing.



UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

*Fireman, who has claim against the town.

		. ,			
Albee, Harry W.	\$2	00	Breen, Patrick T.	\$2	00
Allard, Victor	2	00	Brodeur, Joseph P.	2	00
Allard, David	2	00	Brown, John C.	2	00
Anderson, Frank	2	00	Buckley, Thomas P.	2	00
Anderson, John, 2d	2	00	Burrell, Moses	2	00
Anglum, James H.	2	00	Butterworth, Hartley	2	00
Arsenault, U.	2	00			
D 1 1 1 1 21	2	^^	Chappelle, John	2	00
Bouchard, Louis, 2d		00	Cloutier, Emile	2	00
Bouchard, Cleophace		00	Cloutier, David	2	00
Bail, Joseph		00	Colman, James	2	00
Bancroft, Dr. F. W.		00	Collette, Camille	2	00
Barry, Frank H.		00	Collette, Hector	2	00
Barry, Joseph, Jr.		00	Connelly, E. T.	2	00
Barry, Albert		00	Connelly, W. E.	2	00
Beauchemin, Ernest	2	00	Cornier, Pierre A.	2	00
Beaupre, Octave		00	Crawford, Wm.	2	00
Belanger, J. M.	2	00	Creedon, Dr. P. L.		00
Berthiaume, N., Jr.	2	00	*Cuddihy, Thomas P.		00
Berthiaume, Joseph, Jr	. 2	00	Cuddihy, John F.		00
Berthiaume, Hyacinth	2	00	Cuddihy, Dennis T.		00
Bouchard, Vellaier	2	00	Cudworth, Daniel		00
Bouchard, Hercules	2	00	Cunningham, Peter		00
Bouchard, Hormidas	2	00	Curley, John		00
Bouchard, Alexis	2	00	Curley, James		00
Bowlen, James	2	00	Carrey, vames	-	00
*Breen, Michael	2	00	Daignault, N.	5	00

Degrenier, N.	\$2	00	Gregoire, James D.	\$2	00
Degrenier, N., 2d	2	00	Guerin, Isadore	2	00
Danis, Olivier	2	00	Guillette, Michael	2	00
Dodge, Joseph	2	00	Guillette, Uldege	2	00
Doughty, E. M.	2	00	Guillette, Emile	2	00
Dufaut, Phillias	2	00			
Dumas, Joseph E.	2	00	Hamlin, Hermenegilde	2	00
Duprissis, Wilfred	2	00	Hancock, George	2	00
Duprissis, Louis G.	2	00	Hetu, Louis, 2d	2	00
•			Hitchen, Harry	2	00
Edwards, Edwin	2	00	Hitchen, Charles E.	2	00
Egan, Geo. E.	2	00	Hogan, John	2	00
Ethier, S., Jr.	2	00	*Hogan, John J.	2	00
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Lamothe, Adelord	2	00	Lavigne, Wilfred	2	00
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Lucier, Alfred	2	00	Moriarity, John	2	00
Lucier, Augustin	2	00	Moriarity, Timothy	2	00
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Martin, Joseph	2	00	Murphy, C. F.	2	00
Martin, Arthur	2	00	Murphy, Michael P.	2	00
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Mason, Henry B.	2	00	Nadeau, J. B.	2	00
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McGrath, Patrick	2	00			
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McGuirk, Richard	2	0.0	O'Halloran, James	2	.00
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Monahan, John T.	2	00	Peloquin, Pierre	2	00
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Montigny, Louis	2	00	Peloquin, Ernest	2	00
Montigny, Joseph	2	00	Pelton, Frank L.	2	00

Pinsonnault, John	\$2	00	Simpson, Joseph, 2d	\$2	00
Pinsonnault, Bernabe	2	00	Simpson, Augustin	2	00
Pinsonnault, J., Jr.	2	00	Simpson, Adelord	2	00
Plante, Pierre	2	00	Smith, Edwin	2	00
Plante, Oliva, J. B.	2	00	Smith, Joseph W.	2	00
Plante, Geo. A.		00	Smith, Henry	2	00
Pollard, John	2	00	Splain, Edward	2	00
Pollard, James	2	00	St. Laurent, Narcisse	2	00
Pontbriand, Dolphice	2	00	St. Martin, Louis, Jr.	2	00
Pontbriand, Hormidas	2	00	St. Martin, Honore	2	00
Potvin, Narcisse	2	00	Surprenant, Regis	2	00
Powers, Joseph P.	2	00	Thetrault, David	9	00
Proulx, B. J.	2	00	Thibault, Thos. D.		00
Proulx, Louis		00	Thibault, George	_	00
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Renard, Joseph, Jr.		00	Trembly, Adelord		00
Renard, J. B. Renard, Frank E.		00	Trembly, Elzear		00
Reeves, Joseph		00	Trembly, Phillias		00
Rinquette, Felix	2		Trembly, Narcisse		00
Robida, Abram	2		Trembly, Jules		00
Robidaux, Henry		00	•		
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Russell, Henry J.		00	Varin, Albert	2	00
Ryan, John F.		00	Vincellette, Joseph	2	00
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Ryan, John J.		00	*Walters, William		00
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ityan, Thomas	4	00	Wesson, Walter H.		00
Shea, Michael	2	00	Whalan, James		00
Sheridan, Patrick		00	Willis, John		
Simpson, Napoleon	2	00	Woodward, Edwin M.	2	00



LIST OF JURORS.

List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen to be submitted for revision and acceptance at the annual Town Meeting to be held April 4, 1898.

Angell, I. O.

Ammidown, L. E.

Beecher, H. R.

Bugbee, L. W.

Booth, William

Boardman, Romain

Chamberlain, Elmer D.

Chamberlain, Dwight

Chace, E. E.

Clemence, J. E.

Cheney, H. S.

Cheney, Geo. M.

Chandler, W. A.

Corey, Geo. W.

Chamberlain, Sylvanus

Clemence, L. D.

Cronin, Thomas

Cheney, W. H. H.

Chamberlain, Andrew M.

Clemence, Herbert A.

Daniels, Augustus

Darling, Eugene L.

Davis, Salem W.

Dennis, Paul

Dillaber, M. L.

Dresser, G. K.

Dresser, Geo. A.

Dresser, Geo. L.

Duquette, L. N.

Davis, Linus F.

Dalton, Patrick M.

Durfee, H. D.

Dakin, E. F.

Dinan, Henry

Eccleston, Wm. H.

Egan, James K.

Egan, Michael

Freeman, H. J.

Flood, Mathew

Farland, Antoine

Farquhar, John

Flynn, Lawrence

Gough, Robert F.

Gagnon, Joseph

Garfield, Wm. E.

Gatineau, Felix

Gay, Ernest L.

Geleneau, Joseph

Harwood, Elmer E.

Hall, Charles W.

Herber, Stermius

Hardenber, Wm. E.

Hughes, Thomas Hancock, Geo. Harrington, John Hancock, Daniel Hyde, Charles Hefner, John E. Holmes, Fred L. Hyde, A. L. Johnson, A. J. Jackson, N. N. Kennedy, Wm. F. Lamoureux, G. E. J. Lusignan, Adolph Lamoureux, Wilfred Lareau, Joseph N. Lawson, Roger C. LeClair, P. N. Lyon, Otis F. Litchfield, H. L. Morse, H. P. Marcy, Zenas A. Morrissey, James Merritt, T. C. Mason, James H. McGrath, Thomas Morris, Andrew J. Morse, Silas B. McGilpin, John C. McKinstry, Jude Mason, Henry

Nichols, Frank B. Newell, Norval Newell, H. V. Olds, A. W. Oldham, H. P. Prue, Joseph E. Pelton, Albert L. Plimpton, Manning Plimpton, Lorenzo Richard, Stephen Ryan, John Ryan, Ferd F. Ryan, Thomas H. Shumway, Clarence P. Smith, J. M. Simpson, Geo. Sibley, Lyman E. Seavey, William Seavey, William A. Torrey, E. T. Tully, Michael J. Thompson, Azel Tetrault, F. X. Vinton, Chas. M. Varner, Hugh Williams, Chas. W. Whittaker, Henry Winter, G. L. Wells, A. B.

Warrant for Town Meeting.

APRIL 4, 1898.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Southbridge, in the County of Worcester, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge, aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Southbridge, on Monday, the fourth day of April, 1898, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles:

- ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, viz: Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Board of Health, Assessors, School Committee, Auditors of Accounts, Cemetery Committee, Library Committee, a Sinking Fund Commissioner and Constables.
- ART. 3. To vote by ballot "Yes or No" in answer to the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town."
- ART. 4. To hear the reports of the Auditors of Accounts. Treasurer, Clerk, Selectmen, Library Committee, and act thereon.
- ART. 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and charges, the ensuing year, or act thereon.

- ART. 6. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes paid within a certain period, or act thereon.
- ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of taxes, as will be found necessary to meet the current expenses of the year, or act thereon.
- ART. 8. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as posted and presented by the Selectmen, or act thereon.
- ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to pay the engine men for the ensuing year, or act thereon.
- ART. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the observance of Memorial Day, or act thereon.
- ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to pay an Electrician for the ensuing year, or act thereon.
- ART. 12. To see if the town will fix the compensation of town officers, laborers and teams for the ensuing year, or act thereon.
- ART. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the support of the militia, or act thereon.
- ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 (three hundred dollars) for Police Duty, or act thereon.
- ART. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to pay the Water Supply Co. for use of hydrants and drinking fountain for the ensuing year, or act thereon.
- ART. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for Street Lights, or act thereon.
- ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to buy two Fire Alarm Indicators, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to locate a hydrant on Hamilton street between Marcy and Cross streets; one on

Everett street between Park and Spring streets; one on Crystal street; one at corner of South and Water streets, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

- ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to buy markers for the graves of Revolutionary soldiers, or act thereon.
- ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to transfer from unappropriated funds to sidewalk between Pine and Cross streets, \$103.10; to armory, \$315.16; to sewers, \$72.97; to sewer plans, \$158.06, or act thereon.
- ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to transfer from Southbridge, Sturbridge and Brookfield railroad account, \$3,237.50; specifications new Grammar School, \$410; balance of sinking fund after paying bonds, to Marcy street school house, or act thereon.
- ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to widen and straighten a piece of highway at the head of Cliff street in front of the new Catholic cemetery, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to relocate the highway running from the railroad crossing past the works of the Southbridge Printing Co. to corner of road leading to Webster, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to build a concrete walk, stone curbing, on the west side of Marcy street from land of Mrs. W. J. Keith to Main street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to build a concrete walk, stone curbing, on the westerly side of Chapin street, from the southerly end of present walk to land of John W. Curran, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 to straighten and repair the highway on

the Eastford road from Chicoine's block to the Houghton place, or act thereon.

- ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to widen and straighten Fiske street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 28. To see if the town will appoint a committee to investigate and find a suitable piece of land for a public park, or act thereon.
- ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to build a concrete walk, stone curbing, on the west side of Chestnut street, from Main street to end of last lot with house thereon, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to build a concrete walk, stone curbing, on the north side of Lens street, from Mechanics street to Benefit street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to build a concrete walk, stone curbing, on the west side of Benefit street, from Lens street to North street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800 to cut down and repair what is known as the Congdon Hill, between Fort Sumpter and the Lucian Lyon place, or act anything thereon.
- ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to construct a culvert on Pleasant street in front of residence of Mary Dodd, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to build a concrete walk, stone curbing, on the west side of High street extension, from South street to Glover street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 35. To see if the town will vote to build a new town road leading from railroad crossing at Sandersdale, through

land of Southbridge Printing Co., and C. W. Weld, to Webster road, near Hancock place, so-called, raise and appropriate inoney therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 36. To see if the town will vote to complete the piece of sidewalk with concrete and stone curbing on the west side of Sayles street, from the south side of present walk to South street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 37. To see what action the town will take in regard to the purchase of land for the disposal of the sewage, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 38. To see if the town will vote to authorize the sewer committee to go before the legislature for a special act in regard to constructing the sewer, or act anything regarding the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof twice in the Southbridge Journal, Herald and Press, the first publication being not less than nine days next preceding the day of the meeting.

The polls will be open at 9 o'clock A. M., and close at 3 o'clock P. M.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place hereinbefore named.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of March, A. D. 1898.

O. B. E. CHIPMAN,
J. M. OLNEY,
CALVIN CLAFLIN,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

A true copy. Attest:

MARCUS L. DILLABER, Constable of Southbridge.

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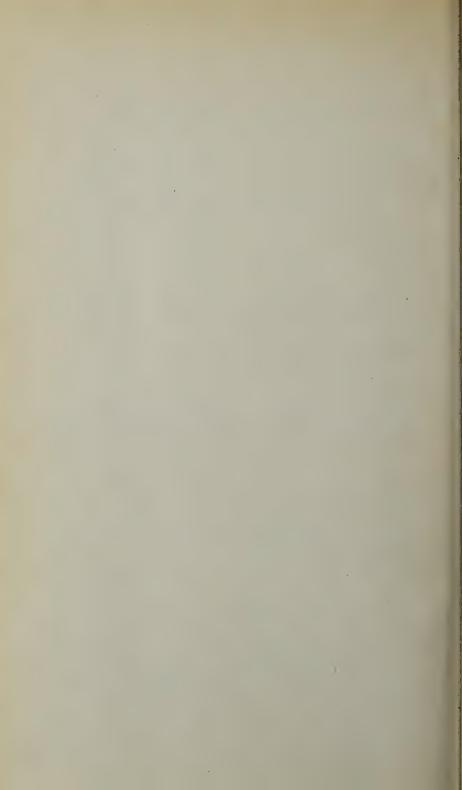
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TREASURER.

JOHN A. HALL.

CLERK.

EDGAR M. PHILLIPS.

SELECTMEN.

THOMAS SANDERS, J. M. OLNEY, WILLIAM C. CALLAHAN.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

GEO. J. LAMOUREUX, FELIX GATINEAU, L. WESLEY CURTIS.

· ASSESSORS.

S. K. EDWARDS, FRANKLIN JACOBS, V. W. LAMOUREUX.

AUDITORS.

C. FRED HILL, WILFRED J. LAMOUREUX, J. A. WHITTAKER.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

F. H. OLIN,	•					٠	Term	Expires	1899
JACOB BOOTH,							Term	$\mathbf{Expires}$	1890
CARY C. BRADFO	RD,				•		Term	Expires	1891

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

F. X. TETRAULT,					٠	Term E	expires	1899
HENRY WHITTAKER,						Term E	xpires	1899
ALVA HYDE, .						Term E	Expires	1900
G. W. PENNIMAN, .				٠		Term E	Expires	1900
SILVANUS HAYWARD,						Term E	xpires	1901
GEORGE M. LOVELL,						Term E	xpires	1901

LIBRARY COMMITTEE. CLEMENT BEGIN. Term Expires 1899 Term Expires 1899 GEORGE GRANT. GEORGE M. LOVELL, . Term Expires 1899 W. G. REED, . . Term Expires 1900 ALEXIS BOYER, Jr., Term Expires 1900 Term Expires 1900 FRED E. CORBIN, . Term Expires 1901 CARY C. BRADFORD, JOHN B. DRENNAN, Term Expires 1901 HENRY B MONTAGUE, . . Term Expires 1901 CEMETERY COMMITTEE. ALONZO W. OLDS. Term Expires 1899 . Term Expires 1899 JACOB BOOTH.

CONSTABLES.

JOHN E. HEFNER,

T. JEROME HARRINGTON,

SAMUEL WILLIAMS. .

FRED E. CORBIN, .

MICHAEL D. MORRILL,

PEPER CAPETTE, MARCUS L. DILLABER, Jr. J. S. DRESSER, ANDREW M. HIGGINS, HOSEA E. WELD.

WM. SANDERS,

Term Expires 1900

Term Expires 1900

Term Expires 1901 Term Expires 1901

TAX COLLECTOR. JOSEPH M. OLNEY.

PCLICE OFFICERS.

JOSEPH LESCARBEAU. J. B. BRODEUR, W. J. DOUTY, THOMAS HOLDEN, A. E. MORTON, GEO. H. THAYER, JAMES MONROE, J. B. PERAULT, A. E. BUELL. GEORGE J. LAMOUREUX, J. N. LAREAU, FRANK TREMBLEY,

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FIRE ENGINEERS.

CHAS. P. PHIPPS, Chief, CHAS. F. MARBLE, B. C. STONE. GEO. J. LAMOUREUX, PATRICK FLYNN, ANDREW F.: HALL, Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

W. D. MORSE,

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS. GEO. W. COREY.

WM. F. HERRON.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR. J. J. BOWLEN.

TOWN COUNSEL. HENRY B. MONTAGUE.

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK. GEORGE ARMES.

POUND KEEPER. GEORGE F. NORTHUP.

KEEPER OF LOCKUP. FRANK TREMBLEY.

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL BUILDING. PETER CAPLETTE.

> CATTLE INSPECTOR. HENRY A. MORSE.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. E. L. GAY.

FIRE WARDENS.

H. P. MORSE, W. H. H. CHENEY, A. J. CLARKE, Z. ALONZO MARCY, GEORGE I. CLEMENCE, JAMES H. MASON, E. T. TORREY, THOMAS HUGHES.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

W. A. SEAVEY, F. E. RANDALL, WILLIAM SEAVEY, H. D. MASON, W. A. BOYD,

WILLIAM BOOTH, A. DANIELS, E. C. ELLIS, C. F. MARBLE, E. I. KNOWLES.

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JAMES BROWN, GEO. L. CLEMENCE.

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DIST. 1. H. H. MORSE,

DIST. 2. WILLARD P. MORSE,

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AUDITORS.



THE ACCOUNT

OF THE

TOWN TREASURER.

JOHN A. HALL, TREASURER, in account with the Town of Southbridge. for the year ending February 28, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

\$49,014 29

1075 66

Cash in treasury March 1, 1898,

Due from I. M. Olney, Collector, 1807.

Due from J. M. Officy, Confector, 189/,		4,9/5 00
Tax bill of 1898.		
County Tax,	\$5,054 00)
State tax,	2,385 00	
Center watch district tax and overlay-		
ings,	2,006 48	3
Bank tax, non-residents,	1,420 25	;
Overlayings on taxes,	1,521 11	[
		- 12,386 84
Common schools,	15,500 00	
Highways,	7,500 00	
Contingent account,	3,000 00	
Contingent schools,	2,950 00	
High school,	2,800 00	
Salaries,	2,300 00	
Sidewalk, Chestnut St.,	2,050 00	
Support poor,	2,000 00	
Engine men,	1,910 00	
Relocating Sandersdale road,	1,900 00	
Public library,	1,800 00)
Town hall contingent,	1,800 00	

War relief	1,800	00	
Water supply,	1,642		
Cemetery Improvements,	1,600		
Fire department,	1,500	00	
Sidewalk repairs,	1,200		
Insurance,	800		
Printing,	800	00	
Abatement taxes,	800	00	
Sidewalk, Chapin street,	800	00	
Sidewalk, Lens street,	800	CO	
Highway, Congdon hill,	800	00	
Sidewalk, Marcy street,	700	00	
Evening schools,	650	00	
Sidewalk, Benefit street,	600	00	
Sidewa k, High street extension,	550	00	
Militia,	500	00	
Railing highways,	500	00	
Fire alarm indicator,	450	00	
Highway, Cliff street,	450	00	
District court fees,	300	00	
Police duty,	300	00	
Police station,	300	00	
Highway, Eastford road,	300	00	
Military aid,	200	00	
School apparatus,	200		
Highway, Fiske street,	150	-	
Electrician,	- 150		
Memorial day,	100		
Sidewalk, Sayles street,	75		
Markers, graves revolutionary soldiers,	- 15	00	
			\$64,542 00
Withdrawals from Savings Banks,			28,707 52
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes,			42,000 00
Temporary loan account sinking fund,			22,000 00

Marcy street school house loan,		\$9.000 00
Sewer land loan,		5,000 00
State Treasury Corporation tax.	\$13,625 98	
State Aid,	677 00	
Militia,	452 10	
State pauper account,	360 43	
Bank tax,	205 70	
Military aid	141 00	
		15,463 21
Liquor licenses,		10,405 00
Sidewalk assessments,		1,835 14
Sewer assessment,		944 24
County treasurer, dog fund,		662 56
Cemetery fund,	•	525 00
Transfer from town hall contingent to		
high school, account of fuel and		
janitor,		500 00
Outside poor:	2	
James Monroe, support of wife,	\$169 46	
Springfield, account Charles Labreck,	81,00	
North Halley, account Narcisse Daig-		
neault.	35 50	
Sutton, account E. P. Frost,	74 50	
Wales, account Susan A. Leno,	22 00	
Greenfield, account Peter Raymond,	21 00	
Sturbridge, acconnt Eldora M. Guertin,	15 00	
do. account Mrs. Moses Momine	_	
Holyoke, account Frank DaForge,	10 00	
Joseph Gingras, support of children,	12 00	
joseph Gingras, support of chinaren,		455 46
Cemetery improvements, interest sav-		700 10
ings banks,		373 41
Tuitions,		350 80
District court fees,		346 92
District court rees,		340 90

Sidewalk repairs, labor, tar barrels,	\$331 18
Chestnut street sidewalk, labor,	202 65
War relief, account O. B. Rumrill,	159 25
Licenses,	130 00
Support poor, produce sold,	128 47
Contingent school, supplies,	122 76
Highways, broken stone, labor,	114 00
Marcy street sidewalk, transfer,	112 50
Grammar school building, supplies,	103 70
Public library, cards, fines, etc.,	99 13
Old engine house, rent,	90 00
Chapin street sidewalk, transfer,	90 00
Town hall contingent, rent,	62 00
Old plank, loam, etc.,	51 89
Interest, Mary Mynott fund,	. 40 20
Cemetery improvements, grading, etc.,	21 00
Repairs farm buildings, overpaid order,	4 27
Contingent expenses, overpaid order,	90
	\$271,281 95
EXPENDITURES.	
Marcy street school house,	\$18,632 15
Common schools,	14,358 15
Highways,	8,916 69
Outside Poor,	6,475 18
Street lights,	6,173 29
County tax,	5,054 00
Sewer land,	5,000 00
Interest,	4,021 74
Contingent expenses,	3,874 94
Contingent schools,	3,676 61
High school,	3,402 00
Town hall contingent,	3,130 61
State treasurer, account liquor licenses,	2,601 25

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

Public library,	\$2,551 91
Support poor,	2,417 29
Chestnut street sidewalk,	2,393 24
State tax,	2,385 00
Salaries,	2,468 90
Fire department,	2,065 79
Cemetery improvements,	2,011 04
Relocating Sandersdale road,	1,929 67
Engine men,	1,910 00
Center watch district,	1,841 15
Water supply,	1,650 00
Sewer, Main and Marcy streets,	1,576 39
Sidewalk repairs,	1,548 90
Bank tax,	1,406 04
Chapin street sidewalk,	1,344 16
Everett street sidewalk,	1,253 11
Pine street sidewalk,	1,207 46
District court fees,	1,078 53
Marcy street sidewalk,	1,076 35
Insurance,	1,065 07
War relief,	1,046 85
Abatement of taxes,	932 77
Lens street sidewalk,	798 78
State aid,	746 00
Printing,	743 36
High street extension sidewalk,	709 00
Evening schools,	645 72
Benefit street sidewalk,	620 25
Militia,	565 76
Police Duty,	538 35
Deposits in savings banks,	525 00
Cliff street appropriation,	348 60
Police station,	222 77
School apparatus,	200 12

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State aid, account Spanish war,		196	00
Military aid,		160	00
Sewer plans,		- 153	70
Electrician,		150	00
Bridges,		127	40
Railing highways,		116	20
Repairs farm buildings,		102	38
Memorial day,		- 100	00
Mary Mynott fund,		81	08
Sayles street sidewalk,		71	50
Headstones, graves revolutionary soldiers,		15	00
Town hall bonds,		65,000	00
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes,		37,000	00
Temporary loan account sinking fund,		22,000	00
Marcy street school house note,		3,000	00
Sewer notes,		1,095	00
Armory note,		1,000	00
Cash in treasury March 1, 1899,	4,258 91		
Due from J. M. Olney, collector, 1898,	7,584 84		
		11,843	75
	\$	271,381	95

Obligations Outstanding February 28, 1899.

MARCY STREET SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES. \$3,000 papable annually commencing Oct. 1, 1899, \$36,000 00

SEWER NOTES.

\$1,095 payable annually, until 1912, commencing Oct. 1, 1899, \$550 payable Oct. 1, 1912,

ARMORY NOTES.

\$1,000 payable annually commencing April 24, 1899, 9,000 00

\$13,045

SEWER LAND NOTES.	
\$500 payable annually commencing Dec. 1, 1899,	5,000 00
NEW ENGINE HOUSE NOTE.	
Payable July 7, 1899,	2,000 00
	\$66.785 00
APPROPRIATIONS AND MATURING OBLIGATIONS TO B	E PROVIDED
FOR IN THE TAX LEVY OF 1899.	
Marcy street school house note, due Oct 1, 1899,	\$3,000 00
New engine house note, due July 7, 1899,	\$2,000 00
Sewer Notes, due Oct. 1, 1899,	1,095 00
Armory note, due April 24, 1899,	1,000 00
Sewer land note, due Dec. 1, 1899,	500 00
Main and Marcy street sewer, voted Aug. 8, 1898,	1,500 00
Sidewalk, Everett street, voted Aug. 8, 1898,	1,300 00
Sidewalk, Pine street, voted June 29, 1898,	1,200 00
Contingent schools, voted Nov. 14, 1898,	600 00
Street leading from Eastford road to farm house	
of G. W. Wells, voted June 29,	500 00
Chapin street sidewalk, voted June 29,	300 00
Road over land of S. Dresser, voted June 29,	50 00

Balance of Accounts February 28, 1899.

Town house, \$70,000 00 School houses, 20,000 00 Public library, 9,000 00 Engine houses, 5,000 00 Hose, 5,000 00 Hose, 5,000 00 Marey St. school lot, 4,000 00 Lamp posts, 2,500 00 How and ladder trucks, 2,000 00 Hearse house, 1,000 00 Now earninger, 150 00 Sewer Main & Marcy Sts 1,576 39 Everett St. sidewalk, 1,237 11 Pine St. sidewalk, 1,237 46 Contingent expenses, 1,189 45 Highways, 1,158 56 Contingent expenses, 1,189 45 Highways, 1,158 56 Contingent expenses, 1,189 45 Highways, 1,158 56 Contingent expenses, 1,189 45 Contingent expenses, 1,189 45 Contingent expenses, 1,189 45 Highways, 1,158 56 Contingent expenses, 1,189 45 Contingent expenses, 1,189 45 Contingent expenses, 1,189 45 Highways, 1,158 56 Contingent expenses, 1,189 45 Contingent expenses,	TIN 1	
Marcy St. school lot,	Town house, \$70,000 00	Town property, \$150,440 22
Marcy St. school lot,	School houses, 20,000 00	Notes payable, 71,785 00
Marcy St. school lot,	Cemetery, 10,000 00	Cemetery fund, 9,574 25
Marcy St. school lot,	Public library, 9,000 00	Unannronriated funds 2 805 to
Marcy St. school lot,	Steamers, 8,000 00	Common schools, 1,823 06
Marcy St. school lot,	Engine houses, 5,000 00	Mary Mynott fund, 1,021 55
Marcy St. school lot,	Farm, 5,000 00	Center watch district, 901 94
School furniture,	Hose, 5,000 00	Bridges, 827 15
School furniture,	Marcy St. school lot, 4,000 00	State aid, 765 31
School furniture,	Lamp posts, 2,500 00	Dog fund, 662 56
School furniture,	Police station, 2,500 00	Abatement taxes, 635 39
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CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Cemetery Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1898, \$9,049 25 Received from S. Williams, supt., for sale of lots and perpetual care, 525 00

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1899.

\$9,574 25

Cemetery Improvements.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1898,	\$28	89		
Appropriation,	1,600	00		
Interest from cemetery fund,	373	4 I		
S. Williams, grading lots, etc.,	21	00		
			\$2,023	30

EXPENDITURES.

S. Williams, payroll for men and teams, \$1,704 80 S. Williams, salary as Supt. to Apr. 15, 1899. 200 00

Southbridge Water Supply Co., water to				
July 1, 1899.	\$20	00		
W. H. Clarke, supplies,	19	78		
E. C. Ellis, supplies,	18	37		
S. Williams, flowers,	16	50		
S. Dresser, loam and sods,	12	00		
Geo. S. Stone, Co., labor and supplies,	10	00		
J. N. Larned, labor and supplies,	5	95		
P. H. Carpenter, supplies,	3	64		
			\$2,011	04

\$12 26

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1899,

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Mynott Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1898, Interest on Fund, Jan. 1, 1899,	40 20	\$1102 63
EXPENDITURES.		
Estes & Lauriatt, books.	. \$16 08	
C. A. Stevens, Library of World's Liter-	40.	
ture,	\$65 00	
		80 18
Balance to credit of account Mar. 1,	1899,	\$1102 55

Public Library.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1898,	\$80	23	
Appropriation,	1800	00	
Dog fund for 1897,	686	10	
Fines, cards, etc.,	99	13	
			\$2665 46

EXPENDITURES. H. H. Stanley, salary, **\$**833 34 H. H. Stanley, salary for Sundays, 11 00 H. H. Stanley, expenses, 62 42 H. H. Stanley, salary of assistant and janitor one month, 36 88 Southbridge Gas [& Electric Co., lighting rooms, 239 88 Estes & Lauriatt Co., books, 25I 92 E. F. Dakin, magazines for 1899, \$172 55 Sunday papers, Nov. to Apr., 3 15 175.70 Southbridge Press, catalogue and print-161 09 A. H. Wheeler, carpeting floor, 159 00 Chas. E. Lauriatt, books, 113 11 J. S. Wesby & Sons, binding books and 84 76 pamphlets, N. E. Historical Genealogical Society, 60 00 books. W. H. Clark, agent, rent, 56 25 T. H. Castor & Co., books, 42 2I W. A. DePew, Chambers encyclopedia, 40 00 Library Bureau, supplies, 34 35 **E**. C. Ellis, coal, 53 50 Denholm & McKay, bookcase, 19 50 L. J. Richards & Co., Worcester County atlas, 17 00 R. A. Beckwith, envelopes and stamps, 10 90 Southbridge Journal, printing, 8 50 J. M. & L. D. Clemence, labor and supplies, 8 50 J. J. Delehanty & Co., furniture, 7 50 W. H. Clarke, labor, 7 47 Publishers Weekly, books, 7 00

D. Appleton & Co., books,	56	00		
Cleveland Public Library, books,	5	00		
Membership in Art Club,	5	СО		
Geo. W. Corey, subscription to Boston Journal,	5	00		
Hamlett & Taylor Co., books,		00		
A. Boyer, labor,	4	95		
Bradlee & Whidden Co., books,	3	89		
E. L. Gay, labor,	3	60		
Dennison Mfg. Co., supplies,	2	89		
A. E. Jeaneret, repairing clock,	3	00		
W. H. Moore, Art Interchange subscription,	2	50		
V. H. Young, step ladder,	2	25		
. E. Clemence, postage stamps,	2	00		
R. H. Smith Co., rubber stamps,	I	85		
M. Egan & Son, labor and supplies,	I	50		
Morgan, Crossman Co., rubber stamps,	I	00		
_			\$2.557	21
Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1899,			\$108	25

Note:—There is an outstanding order for \$5.30 not yet paid by the creasurer but which is figured in the above totals.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Repairs of Farm Buildings.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1898,	\$257 67		
Overdrawn order,	4 27		
		\$261	94
EXPENDITURES.			
O. Derossier, painting and papering,	\$ 99 35		
Peter Caplette, labor,	2 00		
Geo. L. Winter, labor and materials,	1 03		
		\$102	38
Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1	899,	\$159	56

Support of Poor.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1898,	\$782	2 I
Appropriation,	2,000	00
Transfer from Repairs of Farm Building		
account.	9 9	35

Produce sold to F. M. Marble,	30	91	
Produce sold to other parties,	\$82	56	
Cash found on body of Catherine Walsh,	15	00	
· ·			\$3,010 03

EXPENDITURES.

Geo. F. Northup and wife, salary,	\$ 60 0	00
Newton Darling, labor at town farm,	198	00
Felix Gatineau, supplies,	147	οţ
L. C. Prindle, supplies,	144	50
F. M. Marble, supplies,	121	67
Weld & Beck, supplies,	114	94
Paige, Carpenter & Co., clothing and supplies,	104	35
O. Derossier, painting and papering		
(transferred to Repairs of Farm		
Building account.)	99	35
E. C. Ellis, coal and groceries,	97	29
Joseph Blair, labor at town farm,	78	СО
Mary Bailey, labor at town farm,	64	50
Geo. S. Stone Co., labor and material,	55	55
W. H. Clarke, supplies,	50	63
P. H. Carpenter, groceries,	47	60
W. C. Callahan, beds, mattresses and chairs,	45	30
Sargius Gatineau, labor at town farm,	37	50
H. A. Morse, fertilizer and ice,	4 I	37
Ella Case, labor at town farm,	35	34
Irving A. Paine, two heifers,	34	00
W. C Callahan, burial of		
Catherine Walsh, \$15 00		
John Murphy, 15 00		
Engangement Statement	30	00
C. S. Ayres, beds and mattresses,	35	(0
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., rental and tolls,	32	24

J. J. Delehanty, beds and mattresses,	32 50
S. Williams, beds and mattresses,	22 50
S. Williams, burial of	
Hulda Tilton, \$15 00	
Lucy Harding, 15 00	
	30 00
Peter Bourget, labor at town farm,	28 00
C. W. Williams, labor and material,	20 35
H. Labelle, labor at town farm,	20 00
Stephen Grant, groceries,	19 20
W. D. Morse, groceries,	
	17 95
H. A. Dresser, tobacco,	17 75
Geo. L. Winter, labor and supplies,	13 08
Albert Darling, labor at town farm,	25 50
J. D. Blanchard, clothing and supplies,	10 00
Henry Peck, labor at town farm,	8 00
Joseph Peloquin, cash paid Arthur and Elzean	•
Lamonthe,	7 00
Fedelia Oakes, labor at town farm,	6,00
A. Daniels, supplies,	6 39
J. F. Monahan, crackers,	5 93
James Mason, butchering,	5 25
Jos. E. Prue, crackers,	4 62
Felix Gatincau eash paid Abram Lovely	
for care of his mother while	
sick, \$5 00	
Spectacles and shoes repaired	
for Abram Lovely, 65	
Spectacles for Pliney Whitney, 75	
Specialis for Timey Whitney, 75	6 40
Wm. Comstock, supplies,	4 42
	3 45
M. P. Webster, crackers,	
W. C. Lewis, supplies,	2 98

J. B. Brousseau, repairing harness, Gilbert Dupuis, repairing shoes,	2 7	
Balance to credit of account, Mar. 1, 1899,		\$463 39

Outside Poor.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account, Mar. 1, 1893,	\$704	94		
Appropriation,	5,000	CO		
State Treasurer, support of paupers,	360	43		
James Monroe, support of wife,	169	46		
City of Springfield, aid Chas. Lebreck,	81	CO		
Town of Sutton, aid E. P. Frost,	74	50		
North Hadley, aid Narcisse Daigneault,	35	50		
Town of Wales, aid Susan A. Leno,	22	00		
Town of Greenfield, aid Peter Raymond,	21	00		
Town of Sturbridge, aid Eller M. Guerin,	15	00		
Aid Mrs Moses Mominee,	15	00		
City of Holyoke, aid Frank Deforge,	10	00		
Joseph Gingras, support of children,	12	CO		
			\$6,520	83

EXPENDITURES.

Commonwealth of Mass, Worcester Lunatic Hospital, support of

Hendrick L Smith,	\$169 4	16
Edward H. Hill,	169 4	16
Annie Monroe,	169 4	6
Thomas Boyle,	169 4	6
John Brogan,	169 4	6

Felix

James Minns,	\$169 46	
Josephine Lavallee,	169 46	
Nazarise Lamotte,	169 46	
Onezime Capistrand,	169 46	
Mary A. Pratt,	169 46	
Christiana Stewart,	85 42	
Catharine Tynan at	Med-	
field Insane asylum	, 16 25	
Joseph Byron, For	xboro	
hospital,	17 64	
Mary Cavanaugh at	State	
almshouse,	72 80	
John Coldrick, at	State	
farm,	72 80	
		\$1,959.51
Gatineau, goods deliver		
Mrs. Napoleon Duque	tte, \$141 00	
Mrs. Leon Rheims,	130 00	
Mrs. L. W. Parker,	116 00	
Mrs. Leon Dupuis,	104 00	
Joseph Boulanger,	40 00	
Alfred Racine,	29 25	
Alfred Bisson,	18 00	
Alfred Rousseau,	14 00	
Charles Garceau, Jr.,	10 00	
Alex. Bachand,	8 00	
Benj. Huberdeau,	5 00	
Mrs. Agnes Beatty,	4 50	
		\$619 75

J. S. Gleason & Co., goods delivered to

Frank Lacroix, \$192 00

Mrs. D. Murphy,	\$ 98 oo	
Mrs. Wm. Buchan,	59 75	
William Felton,	39 50	
Adam McKinstry,	30 00	
Dwight Marsh,	25 00	
Mrs. George Loranger,	12 00	
Frank Loranger,	10 00	
Adolphus Andrew,	4 00	
Mrs. M. E. Irving,	3 00	
		473 25
J. & T. Ryan, goods delivered	to	
Honoro O'Brien,	58 50	
Mrs. Gargan,	47 25	
Mrs. P. Cuddihy,	45 00	
Mrs. Horrigan,	39 00	
James Brown, 2nd,	39 00	
E. P. Frost,	36 00	
Susan A. Leno,	10 00	
		\$274 75
J. B. Demers, goods delivered	to	
	[\$129 00	
Cyril Byron,	62 00	
Mrs. St. Onge,	43 00	
Mrs. Louis Berrie,	15 00	
Frank Reneau,	8 00	
		\$257 00
E. C. Ellis, goods delivered to		
Thomas Potter,	212 00	
William Felton,	3 25	
Ellen Witherell, coal,	5 25	
		220 50

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Frank Trembly, care of tramps,	\$150 10	
care of Chas. Johnson,	3 00	
		153 10
Joseph Peloquin, goods delivere	ed to	
Felix Lamotte,	\$104 00	
Pierre Lamonthe,	44 00	
		148 00
W. D. Morse, goods delivered t	0	
Peter Raymond,	\$21 00	
Joseph Boulanger,	20 00	
Martin Abrahamson,	18 00	
Mrs. Moses Montigny,	15 00	
John Purcell,	10 00	
Peter Bourget,	9 00	,
Joseph Gingras,	6 00	
John Lada,	6 00	
Chas. Garceau, Jr.,	5 00	
Mrs. Alexis Lescarbeau,	2 50	
		112 50
Wm. C. Callahan, coffin and rol	be,	
Mary O'Brien,	\$15 00	
Eli Dupuis' child,	5 00	
Catherine Tynan,	15 00	
J. H. Raymond child,	5 00	
John Kenney,	15 00	
Adolphe Guerin,	15 00	
Laura Piche,	15 00	
Veronica Huberdeau,	15 00	
Ed. Barolette child,	5 00	
Levi Casavant child,	5 00	
		110 00

F. X. Lariviere, coffin and robe,		
Mrs. Joseph Gingras,	\$15 00	
John B. Reneau,	15 00	
Alfred Largesse,	15 00	
Eldora Guertin	15 00	
Cyril Byron,	15 00	
Albertine Lippe,	15 00	
John B. Brodeur's child,	7 00	
Anthony St. Martin,	5 00	
		102 00
A. Daniels, coal and wood,		
Cyril Byron,	\$ 6 50	
Mrs. Wm. Buchan,	6 00	
Mrs. Alexis Bisson,	4 75	
Mrs. John Kenney,	3 25	
Frank Reneau,	3 00	
Mrs. Narcisse Daigneault	t,	
rent,	22 00	
_		45 50
Phillip Caron, goods delivered to		
Mrs. Narcisse Daigneault,	\$41 00	
Mrs. Alexis Lescarbeau,	78 00	
Mrs. Magloire Poulind,	3 00	
-		122 00
Felix Gatineau, transportation of		
M. Callahan child to		
Engleside,	\$10 22	
Mrs. A. Bachand and		
children to Montreal,	12 94	
Gingras children to Or-		
phans home, Worces-		
ter,	6 08	

Mrs. John Lada, to Nor-		
wich, Conn.,	3 25	
Oliver Bisson to Tewks-		
bury,	2 68	
Frank Wald to Woon-		
socket, R. I.,	1 20	
Polly Williams to Tewks-		
bury,	8 15	
Arthur Galipeau return		
from Worcester,	3 09	
Cash paid Ernest Gin-		
gras,	9 00	
Wılliam Gallinger,	1 05	
Frank Charbonneau,	. 2 00	
Repairing shoes Gin-		
gras children,	40	
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Lucy Kempton, care of		
Chas. Lebreck,	60 0 0	
Mary Casavant, aid to Patrick		
Canalan		
Cassien,	49 05	
City of Springfield, care of		
City of Springfield, care of Fanny Dutun,	49 05 47 00	
City of Springfield, care of Fanny Dutun, St. Ann's Orphan Asylum, care	47 00	
City of Springfield, care of Fanny Dutun, St. Ann's Orphan Asylum, care of Gingras children,	47 00	
City of Springfield, care of Fanny Dutun, St. Ann's Orphan Asylum, care of Gingras children, V. W. Lamoureux, goods deliver	47 00	
City of Springfield, care of Fanny Dutun, St. Ann's Orphan Asylum, care of Gingras children, V. W. Lamoureux, goods deliver Mrs M. Poulind,	47 00 50 00 red to	46 00
City of Springfield, care of Fanny Dutun, St. Ann's Orphan Asylum, care of Gingras children, V. W. Lamoureux, goods deliver Mrs M. Poulind, Town of Webster, aid rendered L	47 00 50 00 red to	46 00 40 14
City of Springfield, care of Fanny Dutun, St. Ann's Orphan Asylum, care of Gingras children, V. W. Lamoureux, goods deliver Mrs M. Poulind, Town of Webster, aid rendered L. Pierre Lataille, goods delivered	47 00 50 00 red to Louis Shaw,	40 14
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Grill child, 5 00	
Bed and mattress for	
police station, 4 00	
-	39 00
A. Desaulniers, goods delivered to	
Piche family,	40 00
Town of Sturbridge, care of	
Olive Trembley, \$15 00	
Edgar E. Dillaber, 25 10	
Name of the latest and the latest an	40 10
J. D. Blanchard & Co., goods delivered to	
Gingras family, \$18.89	
Mrs. John Lada, 17 82	
Mrs. J. B. Galipeau, 3 00	
into. J. D. Gampeau, 5 00	20 71
	39 71
Dr. J. A. Genereux, salary as town phy-	
sician for six months,	37 50
Mrs. Henry Proulx, care of Piche family,	36 00
Dr. J. E. Page, attendance Piche family,	35 00
Pierre Harpin, goods to Piche family,	3 2 00
Joseph Williams, goods delivered to	
Jos. McDonald, \$17 co	
Mrs. Wm. Buchan, 13 05	
Adam McKinstry, 1 50	
E. P. Frost,	
	32 55
Worcester city hospital, care Rosa Dragon,	30 00
Town Raynham, a'd Gilbert Trembley family,	29 00
Simeon Page, goods to Frank Reno,	24 00
City of Worcester, aid Eugene and	
Jennie Morenzo,	24 50

Paige, Carpenter Co., goods de-		
livered to		
Dwight Marsh,	\$8 25	
F. Charbonneau,	4 77	
Mrs. M. Callahan,	3 50	
Mrs. F. Savary,	2 00	
Louis Homer,	I 75	
John Reneau,	I 38	
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Mrs. Fannie Creedon, care of		
Chas. Lebreck,		21 00
Blais & Lafortune, coffin and		
robe for		
Exila Garceau,	\$15 00	
Chas. Garceau, Jr., child,	_	
onas. Garceau, J.i., emia,		20 00
City of Boston, aid to Dan		
W. McCormack,	\$14 00	
Burial of Pauline Dyson,	5 15	
		19 15
J. B. Plante & Co., goods deliv-		
ered to		
Frank Charbonneau,	\$6 35	
Mathew Callahan,	5 18	
Veronica Schruba,	2 90	
Gingras boy,	2 46	
Joseph Varın,	2 00	
		18 89
Mrs. Palardis, care of Gingras		
family,		16 0 0

J. B Proulx, goods delivered to Mrs. Agnes Beatty, \$12 62 Mrs. Thomas Powers, 3 00	15 62
M. Shields, goods delivered to Mrs Thomas Powers, \$) 13 Mrs. S. A. Leno, 4 00 Adam McKinstry, 2 50	15 63
Town of Dudley, burial of Lean- dre Girouard, M. Duhamel, bread to Piche family,	15 00 14 09
Chas. Hyde, wood delivered to Frank Lacroix, \$13 50 Mrs. Wm. Buchan, 2 50	
City of Fall River, aid to Peter Duval 1895,	16 00 12 50
Town of Attleboro, aid Gilbert Trembley family, Pierre Giroux, care of George Gingras, Wm. Chicoine, goods to Frank Deforge,	12 00 12 00 10 00
Mrs. M. Levallee, washing for Piche family, Albert Maynard, care of Amedee Gingras, City of Fitchburg, aid Moses Hunt family, Leopold Beaudeau, care of Leo Gingras,	10 00 10 00 9 26 9 00
H.T. Hyde, goods to Emily Talbot, \$4 60 J. B. Reneau, 3 00 Chas. Horton, 1 40	9 00

Peter Pourier, aid to Alfred Largesse,	8 00		
Carney hospital, aid to Mrs. Mary McGrath,	6 29		
Wm. Booth, coal to Mrs. Wm. Buchan,	6 50		
C. A. Paige, cash paid sundries,	5 13		
Geo. L. Clemence, milk to Mrs. John			
Kinney,	4 70		
Mrs. Pierre Bourget, washing for Gin-			
gras family,	4 50		
Gilbert Therriault, wood to to Chas.	, ,		
Garceau, Jr.,	4 00		
W. & W. A. Seavey, teams for Mrs.	,		
Kinney and Mrs. Lada,	3 75		
Dr. L. W. Curtis, wood to	5 7 5		
Frank Lacroix, \$1 50			
Mrs. Wm. Buchan, I 50			
	3 00		
E. T. Torrey, milk to Narcisse Daigneault,	2 50		
Jos. Duval, milk to Delphis Piche,	2 55		
L. Wesley Curtis, cash for sundries,	2 00		
M. Razonski, goods to Mrs. Narcisse	2 00		
Daigneault,	2 00		
Gilbert Dupuis, repairing shoes for	2 00		
Dwight Marsh,	T 77 F		
Dwight Maish,	. I 75	46,77	T Q
		\$6475	10
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Balance to credit of account March 1,	1099,	\$45	05

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Common Schools.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account Mar.	1, 189 8 , \$65 7 21
Appropriation,	15,500 00
Tuitions from other towns,	24 00
	 \$16,181 21

EXPENDITURES.

J. T. Clarke, Superintendent,	to	
March 1, 1899,	\$1,400	00
Teachers—		
Laura E. Shepardson,	501	80
Frances C. Lawrence,	160	60
J Eva Conner,	240	00
Louise O. Twombly,	386	00
Mabel J. Newell,	347	40
Mary E. Clemence,	300	CO
Susan M. Knight,	347	40
Margaret E. Dougherty,	356	40
Mary E. McCabe,	347	40
Isabel P. Taylor,	443	90
Alice Holmes,	487	2 0
A. Rebecca Rowley,	347	40
Agnes M. Meagher,	347	40
Mary E. Meagher,	386	CO

Alice B. Aldrich,	347 40
Jane Farquahar,	347 40
Mary A. Ellis,	347 40
Clara P. Chase,	347 40
Adah Childs,	36 00
Martha Cutting,	311,40
Margaret G. Butler,	347 40
Ida M. Plimpton,	385 o o
Lizzie E. Morse,	252 00
Jennie Simpson,	308 80
Mary L. Boardman,	347 40
Anna F. Eager,	400 00
Nettie V. Stone,	275 00
H. Genevieve Hyde,	205 00
Ida M. Brown,	87 60
Abigail C. Hitchcock,	216 00
Winifred M. Kinney,	213 00
Carrie M. Holland,	64 80
Elizabeth Searles,	326 40
Ethel Seavey,	48 00
Mrs. H. N. Carpenter,	128 75
Mary Paige,	81 00
T	——— \$1 1,823 6 5
Janitors— George M. Lovell,	\$292 50
James Brown,	2 36 40
Fabien Lescarbeau,	81 50
Martin C. Caplette,	17 00
Joseph Jagger.	75 30
William Sanders,	39 00
Lizzie E. Morse,	. 12 00
Mary L. Boardman,	5 00
Jennie Simpson,	12 00
Frederick L. Clough,	300 00
Frederick 13. Clough,	\$1,070 7 0

Fuel—			
E. C. Ellis, coal	\$247 08		
William Booth, coal,	193 86		
A. Daniels, coal and wood,	765 00		
C. M. Morse, wood,	17 15		
John E. Sayles, wood,	16 00		
S. K. Edwards, kindlings,	8 00		
Magrore L'Heureux, sawing wo	od, 5 00		
C. J. Brousseau, sawing wood,	I 75		
		\$1,253 84	
Lectures—			
Louis P. Nash,	\$12 54		
Walter P. Beckwith,	14 06		
Charles A. Carroll,	11 36		
Y. M. C. A. rent of hall,	20 00		
Southbridge Press, printing,	6 00		
S. Dresser, posting bills,	4 00		
A. L. Hyde, cash for distribu-			
ting bills,	I 50		
Southbridge Journal printing,	7 50		
Henry Hay, lodgings for lecture	ers, 5 00		
	•	81 96	
Tuition—			
Town of Sturbridge, tuition of			
Eva, George and Lillian			
Angie, Annie, Zilda and			
Arthur Fortier, Willie,			
Lora, Henry and Joseph-			
ine Potvin, pupils of Den-			
nison district,	\$63 00		
Mrs. M. E. Irving, tuition of	•		
Julius Irving,	5 00		
		6 8 oo	

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Transportation—		
W. I. Morse,	\$24 CO	
Bartholomew Roberts,	36 00	
		60 co 14,358
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Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1899. \$1,823 06

Contingent Schools.

RECEIPTS.

By balance to credit of account March 1,1898	3, \$10	55		
By appropriation at annual meeting,	2950	СО		
Appropriation at November meeting,	600	00		
Transferred from common school account,	18	96		
Books and supplies sold,	40	80		
			\$ 3683	31

EXPENDITURES.

G. D. Case & Co., desks, seats and ink-		
wells,	\$331	03
Ginn & Co., books,	270	24
J. T. Clarke, cash paid sundries,	233	51
J. Booth & Co, labor and material,	233	74
Geo. S. Perry & Co., paper,	167	04
Peter Caplette, labor self, men and te ims,	146	85
American Book Co., books,	140	Il
Boston School Supply Co., supplies,	110	81
W. H. Clarke, labor and materials,	108	18
Ed. E. Babb & Co., books,	104	11

Scuthbridge Water Supply Co., water for	
Main, Elm and Carpenter schools,	\$90 00
Barstow Stove Co., two stoves,	. 90 00
Silver, Burdette & Co., books,	92 68
J L. Hammette & Co., books,	81 29
George M. Lovell, labor,	78 00
Robinson & Dougherty, printing,	77 75
Lectures and expense transferred to	
common school account,	81 96
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	75 83
Eagle Pencil Co., supplies,	75 80
Geo. L. Winter, labor and material,	5) 12
Geo. F. King & Co., supplies,	51 28
T. H. Castor & Co., supplies,	50 83
John H. Pray & Sons, supplies,	48 00
Mrs. John E. Sayles, labor and supplies,	43 00
D. C. Heath & Co., books,	39 75
Educational Publishing Co., books,	38 50
Leach, Shewell & Co., supplies,	57 (0
Monroe Reynolds, school census,	35 00
R. A. Beckwith, safe,	35 00
Nelson H. Brown, eight clocks,	34 00
O. J. Aldrich, labor,	33 33
James Brown, truant officer,	29 45
Therp, Martin Co., supplies,	27 90
Allen Bros., flags,	25 05
Southbridge Press, printing,	27 75
P. Mair, window shades and fixtures.	24 75
Anna F. Eager, teams to district schools,	23 75
W. & W. A. Seavey teams for supt	22 25
H. L. Smith, labor and materials,	21 64
F. O. Letcher, cleaning vaults in 1897	
to July 1, 1898,	19 25
Emerson College of Oratory, books,	19 60

Maynard, Merrill & Co., supplies,	18 75
Blanchard's orchestra, graduation music,	18 00
Longman, Green & Co., supplies,	17 40
James Brown, labor,	16 95
Monroe Reynolds, truant efficer,	15 50
Charles F. Marble, freight and cartage,	14 35
John W. Ellam, printing,	13 75
A. E. Burton, & Co., supplies,	12 62
A. Boyer, labor,	12 50
William Ware & Co., books.	12 50
William Power & Son, cleaning vaults,	12 00
J. B. Plant, supplies,	12 57
W. A. Aldrich, repairing organs,	11 50
Allyn & Bacon, books,	10 00
J. J. Bowlen, teams for supt.,	9 50
Thos. Todd, supplies,	8 75
Columbia Chemical Co., dust destroyer,	8 25
Chandler Adjustable Desk & Chair Co.,	
supplies,	8 17
H. R. Beecher engrossing diplomas,	8 00
Joseph Jagger, labor,	7 25
George S. Perry, books,	6 75
W. C. Lewis, labor and materials,	6 70
A. E. Jeannet, repairing clocks,	6 50
N. E. Publishing Co., books,	8 00
Thompson, Brown & Co, books,	5 73
Dennison Mf'g Co., supplies,	5 50
S. W. Davis, trucking,	5 00
A. Daniels, lumber,	4 66
O. B Wood, printing bill heads,	4 50
J. J. Delehanty, rent of chairs,	4 80
S. K. Edwards, team and man,	4 00
Robert Wardle, labor and material,	4 07
Charles E. Hill, clock,	4 50

F. Gatineau, supplies,	4 17	
W. D. Morse, supplies,	4 07	
Sanford, Sawtelle & Co., paper,	3 30	
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co., books.,	2 17	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co., supplies,	1 85	
William Callahan, rent of chairs,	2 00	
J. O. Bourque, repairing organ,	1 50	
George S. Stone & Co., labor and		
materials,	I 30	
M. L. Dillaber, officer at graduation,	1 00	
Luke Reilly, officer at graduation,	1 00	
		\$3,576 61
Balance to credit of account March	1. 1800.	\$ 6 70

Evening Schools.

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1898, Appropriation,	\$25 14 650 00		
Appropriation,		\$675	I 4
EXPENDITURES.			
Teachers—			

1 Cachers		
E I. Knowles,	\$98	75
Nellie F. Ryan,	56	25
Everett P. Carey,	. 46	25
Alice Holmes,	, 54	75
Agnes M. Meagher,	27	75
Margaret G. Butler,	5.7	00

J. Eva Conner,	23 25		
Leo Olds,	22 50		
		386 50	
Janitors			
P. Caplette,	\$27 60		
Joseph Jagger,	26 25		
		53 85	
Books and supplies—		30 3	
D. C. Heath & Co., books,	\$28 13		
E. E. Babb Co., books,	15 40		
Esterbrook Steel Pen Co., supp	- 1		
Joseph Gillott, pens, etc.,	7 20		
Ginn & Co., books,	8 00		
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Fuel and Lights-	•	70 30	
Southbridge Gas & Electric Co	0. \$23 15		
J. & T. Ryan, oil,	7 56		
A. Daniels, wood,	4 00		
zii zamoto, wood,	4 00	24 71	
Incidentals—		34 71	
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A. O. H. Division No. 33, ren			
Peter Caplette, officer and labo			
Thomas Holden, officer,	10 00		
J. T. Clarke, sundry cash,			
Southbridge Press, printing,	5 25		
Southbridge Herald, printing,	5 00		
J. W. Ellam, printing,	4 50		
		92 30	
			\$645 72
Balance to credit of account M	ar. 1, 1899,		\$29 42

High School.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account Mar.	Ι,	1898,	\$777	13	
Appropriation,			2,800	00	
Tuition from other towns,			326	80	
					\$3.00

EXPENDITURES.

. leacners—		
F. E. Corbin,	\$1,300	00
Calvin C. Brackett,	120	00
Everett P. Carey,	530	00
Edward P. Barrell,	75	00
Elizabeth Perry,	600	00
Anna F. Fager,	100	00
Blanche Wheeler,	120	СО
Mrs. H. N. Carpenter,	57	00
Town hall contingent for janitors services		
and fuel,	500	СО

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1899, \$501 9

\$3,402 0

School Apparatus.

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1898, Appropriation,	\$11 99 200 00 ———	\$211
EXPENDITURES.	•	

Rand McNally Co., maps and globes,	\$32 00
L. J. Richards, atlas and sheet maps,	32 00

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H. L. Smith, labor and supplies,	27	76		
Boston School Supply Co., maps and supplies,	26	75		
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber and labor,	22	59		
Zeigler Electric Co., supplies,	24	50		
Wadsworth Howland Co., supplies,	13	19		
Geo. H. Hartwell, chemicals,	7	38		
Thos. Hall & Son, supplies,	7	08		
Geo. C. Shepard & Co., chemicals,	3	72		
Frost & Adams Co., supplies,	3	15		
			\$200 12	2
Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1899),		\$11 8	7

SELECTMEN.

Abatement of Taxes.

RECEIPTS.

\$768 16

Balance to credit of account March

1, 1898,

Appropriation,	800 00		
		\$1,568	16
EXPENDITURES.			
Abatements,		932	77
Balance to credit of account March	1, 1899,	\$635	39
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Bridges.			
RECEIPTS.			
Appropriation,		\$1,000	00
EXPENDITURES.			
Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,	\$45 45		
J. Booth & Co., labor and materials,	64 75		
Sandersdale road relocation, planking,	35 00		
A. Boyer, labor,	19 00		
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	8 65		
		172	85
Balance to credit of account March	1, 1899,	\$827	15

Armory Building.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, \$315 16

EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1898, \$315 16

\$000 00

Benefit Street Walk.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, \$600 00 EXPENDITURES. W. H. Claffin, self, men and teams, \$323 40 H. L. Lamson, curbing, 206 CO Chestnut street walk, tar. 56 25 J. M. Olney, gravel, 15 60 Sidewalk repairs, pitch, 15 00 John A. Whittaker, surveying, 1 4 00 620 25 Account overdrawn March 1, 1899, \$20 25

Contingent Account.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, \$3,000 00

Discount from J. P. Lovell Arms &

Cycle Co., 90

\$3,000 90

EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1893, War Expenses—	\$315 44
Henry Hay, board and lodging	
of soldiers, \$173 70	
J. P. Lovell Arms & Cycle Co.,	
combination knife, fork	
and spoon for Co. K, 81 00	
J. P. Lovell Arms & Cycle Co.,	
fireworks, 43 99	
W. A. Goodell. recruiting ex-	
penses, II5 00	
Faulkner House, board and	
lodging of soldiers, 85 80	
Expenses of committee to Bos-	
ton to meet Co. K, 47 82	
Southbridge brass band, Co. K's	
return, 30 00	
Southbridge brass band, Martin	
Welsh funeral, 40 00	
National band, Co. K's return, 30 00	
E. L, Gay, fireworks, 26 48	
Special train to Webster (N. Y.	
N. H. & H. R. R.,) 24 00	
South Framingham, proportion-	
al share of expense en-	
tertaining 6th Reg't, 22 34	
W. G. Reed, examining phy-	. `
sician, 15 00	
J. A. Genereux, examining physician, 15 00	
George Place, meals for sol-	
diers, 14 00	
Felix Gatineau, supplies to Co. K, 13 04	

Paige, Carpenter & Co., flags and bunting for armory		
and Town Hall,	11 45	
J. M. Olney, recruiting, serv-		
ices and freight,	12 70	
Sundry bills,	. 10 03	
W. & W. A. Seavey, teams and		
Co K baggage,	10 00	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lum-		
ber for stand,	5 00	
A. Boyer, labor grand stand,	4 40	
S. W. Davis, trucking,	4 38	
Mrs. Benoit, meals and lodging,	3 50	
Adams Express Co., express,	3 13	
W. C. Callahan, to Boston,	3 00	
Mrs. Lafreniere, board and lodg-		
ing.	3 00	
James A. King, fireworks,	. I 50	
W. D. Morse, supplies,	1 12	
Geo. L. Winter, supplies,	45	
		\$850 83
		# 3
Edgar M. Phillips, clerk of reg-		
istrars, attendance at		
town meeting, copying		
and recording records.		291 45
and recording records.		29: 43
Firemen Muster Day Expense	es—	
C. S. Yeaw, one half banquet-		
ting expenses.	\$290 00	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lum-		
ber for reviewing stand,	37 65	
A. Boyer, labor,	15 75	
Ar noyer, labor,	-5 /5	\$343 40
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Election Expenses—		
Spring,	\$165 00	
Fall,	93 00	
Flag and Pole		\$263 00
H. Pigcon, flag pole,	\$190 00	
I. W. Wheeler, flag,		
N. E. R. R. Co., freight on	33 30 pole, 36 00	
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Expense of erecting pole,	55 45	
H. W. Albee, painting pole,	10 50	\$22F 2F
M. Egan & Son painting s		\$325 25
streets, labor and ma		186 16
H. B. Montague, town coun		155 00
John A. Whittaker, surveying	ng,	142 75
Police duty, July 4th,		120 00
W. C. Callahan, disenfecting	g fifteen	
houses and Main stre	et school,	109 00
N. E. Tel. & Tel Co., renta	l and tolls,	73' 66
Southbridge Water Co., v	vater in	
fountain to April 1, 1		50 00
F. H. Olin, inspector of foo		50 00
Southbridge Gas & Electric		
Auditors' and Selecti		45 95
F. E. Northup, teams for as	sessors, 1897	.,,
and 1893,	, ,,	46 00
J. M. Onley, cash paid for	express, note	
books, blank licenses		39 17
W. & A. Seavey, teams for		37 00
M. L. Dillaber, serving tov		,
dog warrant, sewer		35 00
Board of Registrars—		
George W. Corcy,	\$11 60	
W. D. Morse,	11 60	
W. F. Herron,	11 60	2 . 90
		3 4 80

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12 75
11 75
11 00

W. C. Callahan, cash paid officer for	
care of body of Adolph Guerin,	10 00
Central Mills Co., flushing sewer,	10 00
N. E. Putney, sealer weights and meas-	.,
ures,	10 00
J. J. Bowlen, cleaning Morris street	
brook,	8 55
Henry Hay, supper for registrars,	8 50
S. Perry, sundry expenses connected	
with town report	7 75
W. G. Reed, returning 26 births,	6 50
W. L. Ferry, damage to carriage,	5 00
Calvin Claffin use of concrete tools,	5 00
L. E. LeRiche, returning 17 births,	4 25
Benj. D. Benson & Son, auditors' ledger,	3 75
Geo. F. King Co., election pencils,	3 50
Southbridge Press, Board of Health	
notices,	3 75
E. E. Chace, repairing Shuttleville water	
trough,	3 58
J. N. Larned, labor on drain gate,	3 50
Robinson & Dougherty, Board of Health	
notice,	3 37
W. J. Douty, care of fountain light,	3 00
A. J. McCrea, returning 13 births,	3 25
H. L. Smith, inspector of plumbing,	3 00
George Loranger, trimming trees, Ham-	
ilton street,	2 65
Franklin Gaultier, returning 10 births,	2 50
Wm. Butler, repairing flags,	2 25
L. W. Curtis, returning 7 births,	I 75
F. H. Olin, returning 6 births,	I 50
N. E. R. R. Co., rent of sewer pipe land	
at depot,	1 00

George C. Shepard & Co., medicine,	75
	4,190 35
Account overdrawn March 1, 1899,	\$1,189 45

Coombs Street.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,

EXPENDITURES.

\$16 62

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Balance to credit of account March 1, 1899,

\$16 62

Chestnut Street Walk

Appropriation,	\$2,050	00	
Benefit street walk, tar sold,		25	
Material sold and labor done,	146	40	
		-	\$2,251 65
EXPENDITURES.			
W. H. Claflin, self, men and teams,	\$1,561	10	
H. L. Lamson, curbing,	490	08	
Worcester Gas Light Co., tar and cartage,	187	50	
J. M. Olney, gravel,	45	40	
Hamilton Woolen Co., sand,	36	00	
Sidewalk repairs, pitch,	27	50	
I. M. & I. D. Clemence lumber	26	04	

J. A. Whittaker, surveying, P. H. Carpenter Co., supplies,	17 00	
and the state of t		2,393 24
Account overdrawn March 1, 1899,		\$140 59

Chapin Street Walk. (West Side.)

RECEIPTS.		
Appropriation at annual meeting,	\$800 0 0	
Appropriation April 11,	300 00	
Lens street walk, for tar,	90 00	
		\$1190 00
EXPENDITURES.		
W. H. Claffin, self, men and teams,	\$641 00	
H. L. Lamson, curbing,	438 50	
Worcester Gas Light Co., tar and cartage,	187 50	
Hamilton Woolen Co., sand,	18 75	
A. C. Moore, surveying,	19 50	
J. M. Olney, gravel,	18 ic	
Sidewalk repairs, pitch,	12 50	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	8 31	
		1344 16
Account Overdrawn March 1, 1899,		154 16

Cliff Street.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, 450 00

J. J. Bowlen, labor self, men Jos. Ouimette & Son, labor a J. M. and L. D. Clemence, la J. T. McKinstry, painting, Alex. Boyer, labor, Geo. L. Winter, supplies,	and material,		53	348	60
Balance to credit of acco	ount Marc'i I,	1899,		101	30
District	Court Fee	es.			
	RECEIPTS.	\$1 93	80		
Balance to credit of account Appropriation,	nai. 1, 1090,	300			
Fees from court,		346		\$845	81
EXP	ENDITURES.			P°4J	
Worcester county truant sch	ool, care of				
George Bullock,	44 00				
George Paulind,	49 00				
George Dupierre,	8: 86	<i>a</i> .	06		
72 1 02 11		\$174			
Frank Trembley, meals to proofficers fees:—	risoners,	137	50		
Franklin Jacobs,	273 51				
W. A. Seavey,	218 06				
J. S. Dresser,	75 70				
Frank Trembley,	56 98				
A. M. Higgins,	35 c8				
Adlard Laramie,	23 31				
M. L. Dillaber,	21 95				

W. J. Doughty,	\$21 82			
Albert B. Wells,	13 73			
Alfred Deslaurier,	8 13			
A. Loomis,	8 13			
E. N. Goddu.	4 06			
James Moreau,	3 58			
M. P. Clare,	- 2 12			
		766 17		
			\$1,078	54
Account overdrawn Mar	rch 1 1800		212	72
Account overtrawn man	1011, 1059,	•	232	72

Engine Men.

RECEIFTS.

Appropriation,	\$1,910 00
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EXPENDITURI	ES.	
Steamer Co. No. 1,	\$590 00	
Steamer Co. No. 2,	590 00	
Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1,	255 00	
Hook & Ladder Co No. 2,	265 00	
Chief and four assistant engineers,	200 00	
	-	\$1,910 00

Enforcement of Liquor Law.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1393,

\$655 84

EXPENDITURES.

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Balance to credit of account March 1, 1899,

\$655 84

Electrician.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1899, \$150 00 150 00 Appropriation,

\$300 00

EXPENDITURES.

A. F. Hall, electrician,

\$150 00

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1899,

\$150 00

Everett Street Walk.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,			\$1,300 00
EXPENDITURES.			
W. H. Claflin, self, men and teams,	\$739	05	
H. L. Lamson, curbing,	378	70	
Worcester Gas Light Co., tar and cartage,	90	00	
Sidewalk repairs, pitch,	25	00	
Hamilton Woolen Co., sand,	12	00	
John A. Whittaker, surveying,	6	00	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	2	36	
			\$1,253 11
Relance to credit of account Mar. I. I	899,		\$46 89

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1899,

Fire Department.

Balance to credit of account Mar 1, 1893, Appropriation,	\$313 38 1,500 00	
Appropriation for Fire Alarm Indicators,	450 00	\$2,263 38
EXPENDITURES.		\$2,203 30
W. E. DeCrow, indicators,	\$300 00	
Boston Woven Hose Co., hose and sup-		
plies,	285 95	
John J. Bowlen, horses for fires and		
practice,	210 00	
Hamilton Woolen Co., labor and material		
on fire alarm,	158 11	
Hamilton Woolen Co., horses for fires		
and practice,	111 00	
Alexander & Sons, badges for muster day,	102 50	
W. & W. A. Seavey, horses for fires and		
practice,	101 00	
Combination Ladder Co, labor and		
materials,	93 64	
Wm. Booth, coal,	80 50	
Southbridge Gas & Electric Co., lighting		
both houses,	75 21	
C. P. Phipps, labor on indicators and in-	×0.60	
cidentals,	50 68	
N. S. Viall, horses for fires and practice,	62 50	
W. E. DeCrow, labor and materials,	36 68	
E. C. Ellis, coal,	34 80	
Geo. S. Stone Co., labor and supplies,	34 00	
Gleason & Bailey, repairing hose reel,	30 00	
Southbridge Water Co., water, Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and	27 00	
-	25 00	
Insurance Co., policy,	25 00	

R. Wardle, labor and material, painting,	26	05		
Geo. L. Winter, labor and supplies,	22	36		
A. Paton, vitrol, etc.,	22	03		
W. C. Lewis, labor and materials,	17	86		
C. S. Ayres, supplies,	16	39		
Geo. B. Works, labor,	16	25		
Otto Karlson, labor,	15	96		
Thos. Plante & Co., rubber boots,	15	80		
J. B. Prescott & Son, zincs,	13	92		
George F. King Co., flags,	13	00		
Southbridge Gas & Electric Co., chang-				
ing wires at Sandersdale,	ΙΙ	00		•
C. F. Marble, freight and cartage,	01	57		
S. H. Davis & Co., Dusters,	7	00		
J. S. Gleason, supplies,	_5	46		
Fire Dept. Pub. Co., record book,	_	00		
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	4	96		
E. F. Dakin, supplies,	4	85		
A. Boyer, labor,	4	68		
Southbridge Herald, printing,	4	50		
American Optical Co., supplies,	2	88		
W. H. Clarke, supplies,	2	70		
J. B. Brousseau, supplies,	2	20		
W. E. Gamewell Co., fuses,		80		
			\$2,065	79
Balance to credit of account March	1, 1899,		\$197	59

Fourth of July Celebration.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,

EXPENDITURES.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1899, 3 15

Grammar School Building.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,	\$3677	84
Southbridge, Sturbridge and Brookfield		
R. R.,	3237	50
Appropriation,	9000	00
Sinking fund,	727	99
Specifications new grammar school,	410	00
Material sold,	103	70
		 \$17,157 03
EXPENDITURES.		
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber, etc.,	\$4296	56
A. Boyer, labor carpenters,	2088	23
S. K. Edwards, labor men,	2080	84
Geo. L. Winter, labor and supplies,		
plumbing, etc.,	1704	29
De Wolf Warming and Ventilating Co.,		
heating contract,	15+1	00
H. L. Lamson, granite steps, curbing, etc.,	1064	78
M. Egan & Son, inside painting and		
material,	987	55
A. Daniels, coal, lime and cement,	552	10
L. B. McClees, slate black boards,	376	99
Penn Varney, architect,	361	00
W. H. Claflin, tar walks, etc.,	354	25
W. Henry Hutchinson, hardware,	233	00

Derby Desk, desks and chairs,	231 65
E. J. Weld, janitor,	216 66
Jos. L. Woodbury & Co., on account of	
granite steps,	200 00
W. C. Callahan, therry desks,	172 50
S. Dresser, brick and sand,	207 38
P. Marr, curtain shades and fixtures,	166 92
Oliver Whyte & Co., wardrobe screens,	160 00
A. Farland, outside painting and material,	139 14
Brick, Terra Cotta Supply Co., terra cotta,	125 00
John L. Garmier & Co., iron grills,	125 00
Marcy street walk, tar,	112 50
O. S. Kendall & Son, tiling and labor,	108 73
W. C. Lewis, labor and material,	106 50
N. E. R. R. Co., freight and steel rails,	86 60
Sampson & Allan, electric bells, speak-	
ing tubes, etc.,	85 40
W. H Clarke, supplies,	84 59
Paine Furniture Co., umbrella racks,	74 00
John Smith, labor	82 73
M. N. Cartier, asphalt,	67 78
Jos. Ouimette & Sons, labor and materials,	5 0 36
A. A. Griffen, grates for boilers,	34 61
Jos. Bouthiette, labor lathing,	33 22
Ben. Proulx, labor lathing,	31 68
John A. Whittaker, engineer,	32 00
E. G. Conant, labor and supplies,	28 75
J. M. Olney, gravel and paving,	25 90
M. D. Morrill, marble work,	27 00
E. A. Bowen, statuary,	25 CO
Hamilton Woolen Co., sand,	22 50
Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & In-	
surance Co., boiler insurance,	20 00
M. Farrell, plastering,	18 50
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Cleghorn, Eglee & Co., radiators,	16	10		
Southbridge Water Co., water to Sept.	10	10		
1, 1898,	14	58		
J. J. Bowlen, teams,	15	00		
J. M. Olney, express and cartage,	ΙI	4 I		
N. S. Viall, teams,	7	00		
J. N. Larned, setting grills and repair-				
ing grate,	7	25		
H. H. Harvey, wedge lead,	5	72		
John W. Ellam, half-tone engraving of				
building,	. 5	00		
Calvin Claflin, cement,	3	25		
Geo. S. Stone Co., labor and materials,	I	50		
Denholm & McKay, supplies,	I	35		
P. H. Carpenter Co., supplies,		80		
			\$18,632	15
Account overdrawn March 1, 1899,			\$1,475	12

Headstones Revolutionary Soldiers.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898, Appropriation,	\$2 50 15 00		
	-	\$17	50
EXPENDITURES.			
M. D. Jones & Co., markers, freight and			
cartage,		\$15	00
Balance to credit of account March 1,	1899,	\$2	50

Highways.

Appropriation,	\$7,500	00	
Repairs on Congdon Hill,	800	00	
New road at Geo. W. Wells' farm,	500	00	
Repairs on Eastford road,	307	00	
Award for damages and repairs, Fiske			
street,	150	00	
Southbridge and Sturbridge St. R. R.			
Co.,	100	00	
Broken stone sold,	14	00	
			\$9,364 00
EXPENDITURE	s.		
Account overgrawn March 1, 1898,	\$1,105	87	
John J. Bowlen and men, \$2,903 80			
John J. Bowlen and teams, 1,625 66			
	4,529	46	
Snow Account—			
J. J. Bowlen, men and teams, Congdon Hill—	1,079	7 9	
J. J. Bowlen, men and teams, \$657 31			
F. O. Letcher, dynamite, 121 48			
C. M. Morse, use of shed, 5 00			
A. Daniels, coal, 16 00			
J. A. Whittaker, surveying, 9 00			
	808	79	
Bowlen and Whittaker, broken			
stone for Hamilton St.,	603	56	
Geo. W. Wells, contract on new road			
at his farm,	500	00	
Eastford Road Repairs—			
J. J. Bowlen and men, \$345 30			
A. Daniels, coal, 6 65			
managiff paradism mandar anticina	351	95	

J. M. Olney, gravel and paving,	278 0)	
W. N. Flynte Granite Co., steam roller,	175 00	
H. L. Lamson, flagging and bound posts,	102 40	
O. B. E. Chipman, men and teams,	71 36	
St. Mary's cemetery, paving,	43 00	
George S. Stone Co., labor and material	40 55	
Rufus S. Bartlett, Fiske Street		
award, \$30 00		
C. W. Weld, Fiske Street		
award, 20 00		
	50 00	
Jos. Ouimette & Son, repairing tools	38 31	
M. Farrell, work on culverts,	33 12	
Patrick McEuroe, cleaning crosswalks,	31 50	
M. Lachapelle, gravel,	26 00-	
John Flood, cleaning crosswalks,	25 00	
W. H. Clarke, supplies,	17 20	
C. M. Morse, portable forge,	25 00	
George L. Winter, supplies,	16 53	
Geo. K. Dresser, 12 tons broken stone,	9 00	
Otis Lyon, breaking roads,	8 75	
J. Gauthier, labor,	8 00	
J. M. Cheney, gravel,	8 40	
A. Boyer, labor,	7 (0	
H. St. Martin, labor,	6 63	
John A. Whittaker, surveying,	6 50	
Thos. Hughes, breaking roads,	5 75	
J. Booth & Co., glass and setting,	5 25	
E. C. Ellis, barrells and oil,	3 28	
A. E. Morton, gravel,	1 60	
		10,022 56
Account overdrawn March 1, 1899,		\$658 5 6

159 00

\$800 00

High Street Extension Walk.

RECEIPTS. Appropriation, \$550 00 EXPENDITURES. W. H. Claflin, men and teams, \$471 70 H. L. Lamson, curbing and corners, 148 00 Worcester Gas Light Co., tar, 60 00 Sidewalk repairs, pitch, 15 00 John A. Whittaker, surveying, 8 00 Hamilton Woolen Co., gravel, 4 IO J. M. Olney, gravel, 2 20 709 00

Insurance.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,				
EXPENDI'	TURE	ES.		
Account overdrawn Mar. 1, 1898, E. M. Phillips & Son—	\$18	84		
\$20,000, on Marcy street school,	168	00		
\$600, on Hooker school,	16			
\$8,200, on books in library,	104	16		
Mechanics permit on Grammar				
school,	30	50		
Town farm buildings,	154	50		
\$25,000, on Town Hall,	283	50		
			757	IO

Account overdrawn March 1, 1899,

111 To 1111					
W. P. Plimpton—					
\$2,000 on books in library.	\$20 37				
\$20,000, on town hall,	227 60				
\$6,000, on town hall boilers					
3 years,	60 00				
		307			
				\$1,083	91
Account overdrawn March	1, 1899,			\$283	91
Inter	est.				
RECE	IPTS.				
Balance to credit of account Man	r. 1. 1808.	\$340	30		
Appropriation,	., .,,,	3,200			
ippropriation,		_		\$3,540	30
EXPEND	ITURES.			£3,24°	39
Coupons on Town Hall loan to A	pr 1 1808	\$650	00		
Grammar school house loan Oct.					
Sewer notes, Oct, 1, and Dec. 22		630			
Armory note Oct. 24, 1898,	,	392			
Anticipation of taxes, notes,		920			
Sinking fund, temporary loan,		148			
Engine house loan to Jan. 7, 189	O.	80			
Zingine nouse four to juin 7, 109	,9.			\$4,021	74
Account overdrawn March	1, 1899.			\$481	35

Lens Street Walk.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,

\$800 00

EXPENDITURES.			
W. H. Claflin, men and teams,	\$ 363	88	
H. L. Lamson, curbing and corners,	275	85	
Chapin street walk, tar,	90	00	
Hamilton Woolen Co., sand,	23	25	
J. M. Olney, gravel,	20	80	
Sidewalk repairs, pitch,	20	00	
John A. Whittaker, surveying,	5	00	
			\$798 78
Balance to credit of account March 1,	1800.		\$1 22
Datance to greated account march 1,	1095,		p: 22
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Militia.			
RECEIPTS.			
Appropriation,	\$500	00	
State allowance for rent and janitor,	452		
•			\$952 10
EXPENDITURES.			
Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,	\$280	81	
Southbridge Gas and Electric Co., light-			
ing armory,	110	03	
E. C. Ellis, coal,	344		
N. E. Putney, settees for armory,		75	
Monroe Reynolds, janitor,	64	00	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,		75	
Southbridge Water Co, water to April			
1899,	20	00	
W. H. Clarke, supplies,	17	06	
J. W. Wheeler, flags,	35	00	
Ellen J. Bartholomew, rent of range to			
June 1, 1898,	12	50	
George L. Winter, supplies,	8	8:1	

Cash paid for cleaning armory,	8 75	
Mrs. M. Reynolds, cleaning armory,	8 55	
A. Boyer, labor on range,	6 26	
A. Daniels, wood,	5 90	
James E. Clement, labor on range,	4 38	
Mrs. Callahan, cleaning armory,	3 00	
M. Egan, glass and labor,	2 60	
John W. Ellam, printing,	I 75	
		846 57
Balance to credit of account March 1	, 1899,	\$105 53
Military Aid.		
RECEIFTS.		
Balance to credit of account March 1,		
1898,	\$90 00	
Appropriation,	200 00	
Received from State,	1 41 00	
		\$431 00
		" 10
EXPENDITURES.		
Charles L. Horton,	\$120 00	
Edward Armes,	40 00	
		160 00
Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1	^	\$271 00

Memorial Day.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, \$100 00

EXPENDITURES.

Malcom Ammidown Post No. 168, G. A. R.,

\$100 00

Marcy Street Walk. (West Side.)

(FROM W. J. KEITH'S TO MAIN STREET.)

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$700	00		
Grammar school building, tar,	112	50		
			\$812	50
EXPENDITURES.				
S. K. Edwards, pay roll, men and teams,	\$415	68		
W. H. Claflin, pay roll, concreting,	249	90		
Worcester Gas Light Co., tar,	187	50		
H. L. Lamson, curbing,	187	00		
J. M. Olney, gravel,	IO	95		
Jos. Ouimette & Son, repairing tools,	9	00		
J. A. Whittaker, surveying,	8	50		
N. S. Viall, team,	5	00		
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	2	82		
			1,076	35
Account overdrawn March 1, 1899,			\$263	85

Mechanics Street Extension.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1898, \$63 09

EXPENDITURES.

	\$00 00
Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1898,	\$63 09

Main and Marcy Street Sewer.

Appropriation,			\$1,500 00
EXPENDITURES.			
John J. Bowlen, pay roll men and teams,	\$958	75	
George L. Winter, pipe and supplies,	175		
Southbridge Water Co., repairing broken	, ,		
pipe,	100	00	
John A. Whittaker, inspecting pipe lay-			
ing and assessment plan,	92	25	
Jos. Ouimette & Son, repairing tools			
and manhole steps,	61	Ю	
F. O. Letcher, dynamite supplies.	48	75	
S. Dresser, brick and sand,	43	60	
Waldo Bros., manhole covers,	24	СО	
A. Daniels, coal and cement,	19	50	
M. Farrell, mason and tender,	14	76	
C. F. Marble, cartage of pipe,	8	95	
F. L. Fuller engineer consultation,	10	co	
Southbridge Gas & Electric Co., repair-			
ing gas pipe,	8	30	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	3	94	
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., freight on			
manhole covers,	3	36	
Ruggles Morse, covering for blasting,	2	00	
Geo. S. Stone Co., repairing tools,	I	00	
P. H. Carpenter Co., oil,		24	
			1576 39
Account overdrawn March 1, 1899,			\$76 39

Police Station.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898, Appropriation,	\$165 300		\$465 73
EXPENDITURES.			
Frank A Trembly, janitor,	\$119	24	
Southbridge Gas & Electric Co., gas,	49	62	
E. C. Ellis, coal,	21	88	
Southbridge Water Co., water to April			
1, 1899,	13	00	
Alex Boyer, labor,	8	10	
W. H. Clarke, supplies,	.6	68	
Ed. Hemingway, wood,	2	00	
N. E. Putney, keys and lock repair,	1	25	
E. L. Gay, keys,	I	00	
		_	\$222 77
Balance to credit of account March 1,	1899,		\$242 92

Police Duty.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1 Appropriation,	, 1898, \$241 50 300 00 ——— \$54	1 50
EXPENDITUR	RES.	
James Monroe,	\$95 CO	
M. L. Dillaber, Sunday duty,	75 20	
J. B. Brodeur,	75 00	

60 00

S. Roberts,

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ount March 1, 1899, \$3 1

Pine Street Walk.

(FROM NOTRE DAME CHURCH TO EDWARDS STREET.)
RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,		\$1,200°C0
EXPENDITURES.		
J. J. Bowlen, men and teams,	\$915 42	
H. L. Lamson, curbing,	168 00	
J. M. Olney, gravel,	46 30	
F. O. Letcher, dynamite,	31 65	
Jos. Ouimette & Son, repairing tools,	16 34	
John A. Whittaker, surveying,	16 25	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	13-50	
		\$1,207 46
Account overdrawn March 1, 1899,		\$7 46

Printing.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,

800 CO

EXPENDITURES.			
Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,	\$3.	98	
Southbridge Herald, town reports, poll			
tax lists, etc.,	440	86	
Southbridge Press, ballots, dog license			
blanks, etc.,	220	75	
Southbridge Journal, tally sheets, etc.,	79	50	
Putnam Davis & Co., time sheets,	2	25	
			\$747 34
Balance to credit of account March	1, 1899,		\$52 66

Railing Highways.

RECEIPTS.			
Appropriation,			\$500 00
EXPENDITURES.			
Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,	\$141	06	
J. Booth & Co., painting,	33	90	
M. Egan & Son, painting,	26	00	
A. Daniels, lumber,	18	25	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	14	39	
J. M. Olney, fence posts,	8	00	
P. Allard, labor,	6	60	
A. Boyer, labor,	6	26	
Geo. H. Hartwell, brimstone,	I	90	
James T. McKinistry, painting,		90	
		·	\$257 26
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1899,			\$242 74

Repairs Police Station.

RECEIPTS

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,

\$16 68

EXPENDITURES.

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Balance to credit of account March 1, 1899,

16 68

Salaries.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1,1898, \$351 20 Appropriation, 2,300 00

EXPENDITURES.

Board of Selectmen-

J. M. Onley,

Thos. Sanders,

Wm. Callahan,

\$300 00

Overseers of the Poor-

Felix Gatineau,

L. Wesley Curtis,

G. J. Lamoureux,

300 00

Board of Health-

F. H. Olin,

C. C. Bradford,

Jacob Booth,

150 00

Board of Registrars-

W. H. Herron,

\$16 00

W. D. Morse,

18 40

George W. Corey,	18 40		
E. M. Phillips,	57 85		
		110 6	5
Board of Assessors—			
V. W. Lamoureux, Oct. 1, 1897,			
to April 1, 1898,	\$55 00		
V. W. Lamoureux, April 1, '98			
to Sept. 1, '98,	236 25		
Assistance,	13 00		
		304 2	5
F. Jacobs, Aug. 1, '97 to Aug.			
1, 1898,		187 5	0
S. K. Edwards, April 1, '98 to			
Nov. 1, '98,		172 5	0
Board of Auditors for March	898—		
C. F. Hill,			
S. D. Perry,			
J. A. Whittaker,		75 0	0
Board of Auditors, April 1, 18	98 to Mar	rch	
1, 1899—			
C. F. Hill,			
J. A. Whittaker,			
W. J. Lamoureux,		144 0	0
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John A. Hall, Town Treasurer for		350 0	
J. M. Olney, tax collector for 186		350 0	
George Armes, care town clock f	or 1897,	25 0	
			- \$2,468 90
Balance to credit of account	March 1,	1899,	\$182 30

Sandersdale Road Relocation.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$1,900	00		
Bridge account for lumber,	35			
			\$1,935	00
EXPENDITURES.				
O. B. E. Chipman, labor, men and teams	\$1,111	5 I		
W. M. Harris, lumber and cement,	563	79		
N. E. R. R. Co, freight,	78	88		
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	40	26		
J. Booth & Co., painting,	29	50		
John A. Whittaker, surveying,	24	00		
A. Daniels, cement,	23	00		
Central Mills Co., use of derrick,	17	50		
Geo. S. Stone Co., repairing tools,	12	25		
W. H. Clarke, supplies,	9	81		
A. Boyer, labor,	7	00		
F. O. Letcher, dynamite,	5	68		
Geo. L. Winter, supplies,	3	30		
P. H. Carpenter Co., supplies,		80		
			\$1,929	28
Palance to gradit of account March	1 1800			
Balance to credit of account March	1, 1099,		5	12

Sayles Street Walk.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,			\$75	00
EXPE	ENDITURES.			
W, H. Claflin, men and tean	ns, \$50	50		
H. L. Lamson, curbing,	21	00		
			\$7 I	50
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Balance to credit of acc	ount March 1, 1899,		\$ 3	50

Sewers.	
RECEIPTS. Appropriation.	\$72 97
EXPENDITURES. Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,	* 72 97
Sawar Committee Dlane	

Sewer Committee Plans.

RE	C	E	I	P	T	S	

Appropriation,			\$158 96
EXPENDITURES.			
Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,	\$ 8	06	
Southbridge Press, printing report,	5 3	70	
Heliotype Printing Co., 1000 maps,	52	50	
Expenses of committee to Monson and			
legal advice,	47	50	
			\$161 76
Account overdrawn March 1, 1899,			\$2 80

Sewer Land Appropriation.'

RECEIPTS.

Annropriation

21ppropriation,		\$5,000 00
	EXPENDITURES.	
Geo. W. Wells, 52	acres of land,	\$5,000 00

Sidewalk Between Park and Summer Streets.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,

\$00 55

EXPENDITURES.

\$00 00

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1899,

\$00 55

Sidewalk Between Pine and Union Streets.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation.

\$103 10

EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,

\$103 10

Specifications and Plans, Grammar School Building.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898,

\$410 00

EXPENDITURES.

Grammar school building account,

\$410 00

Sidewalk Repairs

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,

\$1,200 00

Worcester Gas Light Co., tar barrels re-				
turned,	\$112 3			
American Optical Co., work done,	101	00		
Everett street walk, pitch,	25 (
Chestnut street walk, pitch,	27 5	50		
Lens street walk, pitch,	20 0	C		
Benefit street walk, pitch,	15 (00		
High street walk, pitch,	15 (
Chapin street walk, pitch,	12 5			
Rebate from N. E. R. R. Co.,	2 8	30	и	^
		_	\$1531	18
EXPENDITURES.				
Account overdrawn March 1, 1898,	\$29 2	23		
W. H. Claflin, men and teams,	699 2	20		
M. N. Cartier, asphalt,	233	08		
N. E. R. R Co., freight,	127	70		
Worcester Gas Light Co., tar and cartage	e, II2 9	50		
Geo. S. Stone Co., repairing tools,	66	95		
J. J. Bowlen, men and teams,	52 (09		
H. L. Lamson, curbing,	45 5	50		
Geo. L. Winter, supplies,	38 6	50		
A. Daniels, wood,	31 (04		
Mica Roofing Co. pitch,	25 2	20		
Hamilton Woolen Co., sand and gravel,	20 8	30		
Chas. Hyde, wood,	19 4	47		
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	18 0	04		
Calvin Claflin, cement and use of concrete	-			
ing tools,	17 4	15		
A. J. Harwood, wood,	9 0	00		
American Optical Co., pitch and use of p	ump, 8 5	50		
J. M. Olney, paving,	8 0	00		
W. & W. A. Seavey, teams to Rocky Hi	11, 60	00		
P. H. Carpenter Co., powder, etc.,	5 4	19		
F. O. Letcher, dynamite,	3 (04		

OU RE	PORT OF AUDITORS.		
Ephraim Brousseau, pir	ne slabs,	I 25	\$1578 13
Account overdraw	n March 1, 1899,		\$46 95
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State	Aid, Spanish	War.	
	RECEIPTS.		
Appropriation,	KECEII IS.		\$00 0 00
rippropriation, .	EXPENDITURES.		\$000.00
Elizabeth Witherell,		\$84 00	
Thomas Welsh,	*	24 00	
Mary Bird,		24 00	
Amelia Gallipeau,		24 00	
Nellie Laplante,		20 00	
Mary King,		8 00	
Margarite Benoit,		12 00	
		-	\$196 00
Account overdraw	n, March 1, 1899,	-	\$196 00
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	State Aid.		
	RECEIPTS.		
Balance to credit of acc			
Received from state tre	easurer,	677 00	\$1, 511 3 1
	EXPENDITURES.		
W. E. Horton,		\$72 00	
F. L. Holmes,		72 00	
Fred Kind,		72 00	

J. B. Boniface,	60 00	
C. L. Newhall,	48 00	
Samuel Young,	48 00	
C. A. Wesson,	48 00	
Lucian Bates,	48 00	
Annie Kind,	48 co	
Louis Rivers,	48 00	
John Stone,	48 00	
Simeon Young,	48 00	
Ed. Armes,	32 00	
H. G. O. Bacon,	30 00	
Linus Albee,	24 00	
		\$746 00
Balance to credit of account Marc	ch 1, 1899,	\$765 31

Street Lights.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1898, Appropriation,	6000	00	\$6,309	25
			#0,309	~)
EXPENDITURES.				
Southbridge Gas & Electric Co., electric				
lights,	\$6,158	29		
W. J. Douty, care of fountain light,	15	00		
			\$6,173	29
Balance to credit of account March 1	, 1899		\$135	96

Street lights in use March 1, 1899, furnished by the Southbridge Gas & Electric Co.

I Arc light on Crane street 1200 candle power, free.
60 Arc lights, 1200 candle power, at \$78.65 per year.
84 series Incandescent lights, 25 candle power at \$15.50
4 series Incandescent lights, 65 candle power at \$3933 per year.

Town Hall Contingent.

58

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1898, \$190 58

Appropriation,	1,800 00	,
High school account, janitor and heating,	500 00)
Rentals,	62 00)
		\$2,552
EXPENDITURES.		
C. W. Walls, iron work and labor,	947 74	
P. Caplette, janitor,	600 00	
Calvin Claffin, labor and material,	385 15	
Southbridge Gas & Electric Co., lighting		
hall,	202 22	
E. C. Ellis, coal,	188 25	
Selectmen, pay roll on building repairs,	183 39	
Geo. L. Winter, labor and materials,	144 10	
Southbridge Water Co., water to April		
1899,	80 o o	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	76 75	
A. Boyer, labor,	76 73	
J. Booth, painting and supplies,	. 52 45	

Jos. Proulx, slate roofing,	41	08	
Hamilton Woolen Co., rent of jack screws,	29	50	
Geo. S. Stone Co., labor and materials,	27	10	
H. L. Smith; labor and supplies,	25	49	
P. Caplette, extra labor at hall,	19	00	
Penn Varney, inspection of trusses and			
report,	17	CO	
W. H. Clarke, supplies,	8	09	
Central Mills Co., labor and material,	7	5 I	
Wm. Butler, repairing flag,	4	50	
T. J. Harrington, flowers for vases,	4	00	
Luke Reilly, duty at hall,	3	00	
Southbridge Printing Co., muriatic acid,	2	66	
C. Stewart & Sons., supplies for boiler,	2	50	
M. Egan & Son, glass and setting,	I	80	
O. L. Desaulniers, supplies,		60	
		_	\$3,130 6 1
Account overdrawn, March 1, 1899,			\$578 03

Town Pound.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1898,	\$50 00
EXPENDITURES.	
	00 00
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1899,	\$50 00

War Relief.

RECEIPTS.

	RECEIF 15.		
Appropriation,		\$1,800 00	
Town of Warren, account o	f O. B. Rum-		
rill,		159 25	
			\$1959 25
EXF	PENDITURES.		
Account overdrawn Mar. 1,	1898,	\$382 40	
O. B. Rumrill,		144 00	
Mrs. Abbie Barrett,		144 00	
Ellen Galloway,		105 00	
Flabien Lescarbeau,		96 00	
David Fairfield,		120 00	
Fred Laplante,		72 00	
Frank Seymour,		54 00	
Mrs. Mary Sayles,		4 00	
W. D. Morse, goods to		·	
Charles Horton,	\$15 00		
Ed. Armes,	12 00		
John Stone,	5 00		
C. L. Newhall,	5 00		
		. 37 00	
Samuel Williams burial Linu	us Albee,	35 00	
Paige Carpenter Co., goods	to		
A. Sanders,	\$9 00		
C. L. Newhall,	10 25		
Ed. Armes,	5 12		
Chas. Horton,	2 50		
		26 87	
J. D. Blanchard, goods to			
C. A. Wesson,	\$10 00		
John Stone,	10 37		
Chas. Horton,	3 00		
		23 37	

Wm. Chicoine, goods to Chas. Horton, Dr. C. C. Bradford, attendance to Sam.	22	00	
-	18	00	
L. Young,	10	00	
Dr. A. J. McCrea, attendance Charles	T P	0 =	
L. Newhall,	17		
J. B. Plante, goods to O. B. Rumrill,	15	_	
J. S. Gleason, goods to Fred Holmes,	15	00	
E. C. Ellis, goods to			
Charles Horton, \$6 40			
Sam. L. Young, 6 25			
	12		
P. H. Carpenter Co., goods to Linus Albee,	12		
A. H. Sherwood, wood to Ed. Armes,			
Felix Gatineau, goods to Mrs. Louis Moun-			
tain,	10	00	
Wm. C. Callahan, burial Chas. Horton's			
child,	.9	10	
Benj. W. Paton, medicine to Sam. L. Young,	8	00	
A. H. Wheeler, goods to Fred Kind,	8	00	
J. B. Proulx, goods to Mrs Witherill,	8	00	
A. Daniels, coal and wood to Linus Albee,	6	75	
J. M. Olney, expenses to Boston,	5	86	
Dr. W. G. Reed, attendance Chas. Horton,	2	00	
M. B. Landman, shoes for A. Sanders,			
Gilbert Theriault, wood to Ed. Armes,	I /	00	
-		_	\$1,429 25
Balance to credit of account March, 1, 18	\$530 00		

Water Supply.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account Mar. 1, 1898, \$8 62

Appropriation, .	1,642			
			\$1,650	62
EXPENDITURES.				
Southbridge Water Co., rental 51 hydrants				
April 1, 1898 to Oct. 1, 1898,	\$765	00		
Southbridge Water Co., rental five new				
hydrants to Oct. 1,1898, (one Ham-				
ilton near Pine, Everett between				
Park and Spring.) corner South				
and Water, new street opposite				
Coombs.)	60	00		
Southbridge Water Co., rental 55 hy-				
drants Oct. 1, 1898 to April 1,				
1899 (hydrants opposite Coombs				
street not on public way so is not				
to be paid for,)	825	00		
• "			\$1,650	00
Balance to credit of account March 1,	1899,		\$00	62

VALUATIONS.

Valuation of the Town of Southbridge of Polls, Property, Taxes, etc., as assessed May 1, 1898.

Valuation of real estate,	\$2,838,927 00
Valuation of personal estate,	859,263 00
-	\$3,698,190 00
Gain on real estate,	\$74,493 00
Gain on personal estate,	34,525 00
dani on personal estate,	
Tax for state, county, and town, on	
personal estate,	\$16,326 00
real estate,	53,939 61
polls,	3,237 50
	
Rate of taxation, per \$1000,	\$19 00
Number of residents assessed on pro	operty, 1,045
Number of non-residents assessed o	
erty,	84
Number of persons assessed for p	· ·
only,	986
	2,115
Number of poll taxes, males,	1.615
Females,	3
	1,618

Number of assessed	horses,	662
	cows,	585
	sheep,	142
	other neat cattle,	211
	swine,	94
	fowls, (valued at \$565	80) 1886
	dwelling houses,	1016
	acres of land,	12339

Valuation of Center Watch District.

Valuation of real estate,	\$1,176,272 00
Personal estate,	382,156 00
National bank stock (357)	shares,) 46,410 00
	\$1,604,838 00
Amount raised by taxation (rate	e-\$1.25
per \$1,000.)	\$2,006 22
Appropriation,	1,900 00
Overlayings,	\$106 22

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ACCOUNTS.	Appropriations and Receipts.	Expenditures.	Unex- pended.	Over- drawn.	Appropriations Recommended
Abatement of Taxes,	01 =00 16	£932 77	\$635 3 9		8700 CO
Armory Building,	\$1,568 16	315 16	\$000.00		\$100.00
Bridges,	1,000 00	172 85	827 15		
Benefit street walk,	600 00	620 25	0 884 38	\$20 25	
Cemetery Fund, Cemetery Improvements,	9,574 25 2,023 3	2 011 04	9,574 25		2 500 00
Common Schools,	16,181 21	14,358 15	1.823 06		15,000 00
Contingent Accounts,	3.000 90	4,190 35		1,189 45	3,000 00
Contingent Schools,	3 683 31	3,676 64	6 70		3,650 00
Chostnut street,	16 62	2,393 24	16 €2	140 59	
Chapin street walk,	2,252 65 1,190 00	1,344 16		154 16	
Cliff street appropriation, -	450 00	348 60	101 40		
District Court Fees,	845 81	1,078 53		232 72	300 00
Electrician,	30) 00	150 00	150 00		
Enforcement of Liquor Law, - Engine Men,	655 84 1,910 00	1 910 00	655 84		1 910 00
Evening Schools,	675 14	645 73	29 42		650 00
Everett street walk,	1,300 00	1,253 11	46 89		
Fire Department,	2,263 38	2,065 79	197 59		1,500 00
Fourth of July Celebration, - Grammar School Building, -	3 15 17,157 03	18,632 15	3 15	1,475 12	1,650 00
Headstones of Rev. Soldiers, -	17 50	15 00	2 50	1,110 15	1,000 00
High street walk,	550 00	709 00		159 00	
Highways,	9.364 00	10,022 56		658 59	8 500 00
High School,	3,903 93	3.4 ·2 00 1 083 91	501 93	283 91	3,700 00 800 00
Insurance, Interest,	3,540 39	4 021 74		481 35	
Lens street walk,	800 00	798 74	1 22		
Marcy street walk,	812 50	1,076 35	1	263 85	
Main and Marcy street sewer, -	1,500 00	1,576 39		76 39	
Mechanics street extension, - Memorial Day,	63 09 100 00	100 00	63 09		100 00
Military Aid,	431 00	160 00	271 00		100 00
Militia,	952 11	846 57	105 53		200 00
Mynott Fund,	1,102 63	81 08	1,021 55		F 000 00
Outside Poor, Pine street walk,	6,520 83 1,200 00	6 475 18 1,207 46	45 65	7 46	5,000 00
Police Duty,	541 50	538 35	3 15		500 00
Police Station,	465 73	222 77	242 96		100 00
Printing, Public Library,	800 00	747 34	52 66		70) 00
Railing Highways,	2,665 46 500 00	2,557 21 257 26	108 25 242 74		1,800 00 dog fund
Repairs of Farm Buildings, -	261 94	102 38	159 56		200 00
Relairs of Police Station, -	16 68		16 + 8		
Salaries,	2.651 20	2.468 90	182 30		2,3:0 00
Sandersdale Road Relocation, Sayles street walk,	1,935 00 75 00	1,929 28 71 50	5 72 3 50		
School Apparatus,	211 99	200 12	11 87		200 00
Sewers,	72 97	72 97			
Sewer Committee Plans,	1:8 96	161 76		2 80	100 00
Sewer Land Appropriation, - Sidewalk, Park and Summer Sts.	5,000 00	5,000 00	55		
Sidewalk, Line and Union Sts.,	103 10	103 10	0.9		
Sidewalk Repairs,	1,531 18	1.578 13		₹6.95	1,500 00
Sinking Fund,	65 000 00	65,000 00			
Specifications new Gram. School, State Aid,	410 00 1,511 31	410 00 746 00	765 31		
State Aid Stanish War,	1,011 31	196 00	100 01	196 00	200 (0
Street Lights,	6 309 25	6,173 29	135 96		6,200 00
Support of Poor,	3,01) (3	2 546 (4	403 39		2 000 00
Town Hall Contingent, Town Pound,	2, 52 58 50 00	3 130 61	50 00	578 00	1,200 00
War Relief,	1.9 9 25	1,429 2	530 00		1 200 00
Water Supply,	1,650 62	1,050,00	62		1 700 00
Unappropriated Funds,			3 695 10		
Outstanding Obligations Report					
ed by Town Treasurer as in 1899 obligations.			: : :		13.045 00
Totals,	\$204,034 18	\$184,967 36	\$22,762 51	\$5,906 5	\$86,305 00

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

The undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Southbridge, hereby certify that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, and of each of the several boards of the Town officers authorized to draw orders upon the Town treasury, as required by the By-Laws of the Town, and find that the several items contained in each of the accounts presented in each of the foregoing reports of receipts and expenditures are correct and properly vouched for.

C. F. HILL,
J. A. WHITTAKER,
W. J. LAMOUREUX,
Auditors of Southbridge.

Southbridge, March 1, 1899.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.



CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Report of Cemetery Committee.

The work of the Superintendent, Samuel Williams, for the past year, has been to the satisfaction and approval of the Committee. We submit his report which fully explains the kind and amount of work done during the past year. The Cemetery Fund now amounts to \$9,574.25, a gain of \$525 during the past year. All receipts from the sale of lots and perpetual care go to increase the permanent fund and owing to the thoughtfulness of the citizens in attending to these matters it is expected that the interest of the fund, will in a few years, be sufficient to pay all expenses connected with the care of the Cemetery. We believe that we have one of the most beautiful and best kept Cemeteries in the state and we trust that the citizens will co-operate with the Superintendent, as heretofore, in making it yet more beautiful.

The investment of the fund, as required by the town bylaws, is made by the Town Treasurer and is as follows:—

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Southbridge Savings Bank,	\$1,600 00
Salem Savings Bank,	1,000 00
Worcester Co. Institution of Savings,	1,000 00
Dedham Institution of Savings,	1,000 00
Ware Savings Bank,	1,000 00
Peoples' Saving Bank of Worcester,	1,000 CO
Amherst Savings Bank,	1,000 00
Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,000 00
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank,	974 25

\$9,574 25

For the ensuing year we recommend an appropriation of \$2500 00.

JACOB BOOTH,
ALONZO OLDS,
JEROME HARRINGTON,
SAMUEL WILLIAMS,
MICHAEL MORRILL,
FRED CORBIN,
Cemetery Committee.

Superintendent's Report.

TO THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

Gentlemen: The same ideas and improvements as recommended by you last spring have been carried out.

The grading of the land near Coombs street entrance is completed, it contains about 140 lots which will when sold realize about \$7,000. It will have to be resurveyed before the lots can be offered for sale.

I commenced the removal of the sand bank, carting the sand to the adjacent low land which needs to be filled from 2 1-2 to 4 1-2 feet in depth. It will probably require nearly all the sand to do the filling. When the bank is removed and the low land brought up to the grade it will add much to the beauty of the Cemetery.

If the town should think best to do the above work this year, also build the pond on the east side, it will complete all the heavy improvements after which a small appropration will be sufficient to keep the yard in order.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL WILLIAMS, Superintendent.

Cemetery Fund.

RECEIPTS.

By balance, March 1, 1898,			\$9,049	25
Lots sold—				
James Taylor,	\$75	00		
H. E. Morse and J. S. Dresser,	75	00		
Mrs. Edwin Edwards,	50	00		
Wm. H. Walters, half lot,	25	00		
Charles A. Johnson, half lot,	25	00		
J. W. Olin, half lot,	25	00		
Hugh Mahon, half lot,	25	00		
Mrs. Elmer E. Davis, half lot,	25	00		
T. Nichols, half lot,	25	00		
Andrew Winberg, half lot,	25	00		
			\$375	00
Perpetual care—				
Mrs. E. M. Cole,	\$50	00		
Ella M. Cole,	50	00		
Estate W. S. Vinton,	50	00		
			\$150	СО
			\$9,574	25

Cemetery Improvements.

RECEIPTS.

By balance, March 1, 1898,	\$28 89	
Appropriation,	1,600 00	
Interest on cemetery fund,	373 41	
James Taylor, grading lot,	15 00	
Grass sold,	6 co	
	 \$2,023 30	

EXPENDITURES.

LAI ENDITURES.		
Paid Samuel Williams, Superintendent, for men, teams, tools, supplies, etc., with 29 itemized bills approved by the committee and		
auditors,	\$1,633 95	
S. Williams, salary as superintendent,	200 CO	
Manure and phosphate,	38 92	
Plants, Shrubbery, trees,	62 30	
Wm. H. Clarke's bill,	19 78	
J. S. Dresser, for sods,	12 00	
G. S. Stone Co., repairing tools,	10 00	
J. N. Larned, repairing lawn mowers,	5 95	
Chas. Hyde, 300 stakes,	4 50	
P. H. Carpenter Co., grass seed,	3 64	
Water bill,	20 00	
		\$2,011 04

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1899, \$12 26

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARY * COMMITTEE.

LIBRARY OFFICERS.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

CLEMENT BEGI	N,						Term Expires 1899
GEORGE GRANT	Γ, .						Term Expires 1899
GEORGE M. LOV	ELL, cl	hairman	,				Term Expires 1899
W. G. REED,			•	~ .			Term Expires 1900
ALEXIS BOYER	, jr.,			•			Term Expires 1900
FRED E. CORBIN	Ν, .					•	Term Expires 1900
CARY C. BRADF	ORD,				•		Term Expires 1901
JOHN B. DRENN	VAN,						Term Expires 1901
HENRY B. MON'	TAGUE.	secreta	ry,				Term Expires 1901

LIBRARIAN. HARRIET H. STANLEY.

ASSISTANTS.

MABEL W. PLIMPTON,

HARRIET E. DOUGHERTY.

JANITOR.
JOHN COGGANS.

LIBRARY HOURS.

Week days, except legal holidays, 10-12 a. m., 2-5:30, 6:30-9 p. m. Sundays, Nov. 1-April 1, newspaper and reading-rooms, 3:30-8 p. m.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Financial Statement.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at the annual town meeting, 1,800 00

\$80 23

686 to

\$2,665 46

Balance March 1, 1898,

Dog Fund

Received from Librarian, fines, cards, etc.,	99	13
CURRENT AND OTHER EXPE	NSES.	
Harriet H. Stanley, librarian, salary for		
ten months,	\$833	34
Services on Sundays,		00
Assistance during absence in June,	42	16
Sundry expenses,	57	14
Southbridge Gas and Electric Co., light-		
ing library,	239	88
F. C. Goulding, printing,	8	50
J. E. Clemence, stamps purchased,	2	00
William H. Clarke, agent, rent of extra		
rooms,	56	25
Library Bureau, various supplies,	34	35
George Grant, printing for library,	161	09
R. H. Smith Company, rubber stamps,	I	85
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	8	50
W. H. Young, step ladders,	2	25
Robert A Beckwith stamped envelopes		00

E. C. Ellis, coal,	54	50		
M. Egan & Son, painting,		50		
A. E. Jeaneret, repairing clock,	3	00		
E. L. Gay, pins for shelves, etc.,	3	60		
Alexis Boyer, building closet,	4	95		
Dennison Man'f'g Company, various supplied	es, I	89		
Denholm, McKay Company, revolving book	-			
case for reading room,	19	50		
William H. Clarke, repairs,	7	47		
J. J. Delehanty & Co., chairs for reading				
room,	7	50		
Morgan, Crossman & Co., rubber stamps,	• 1	00		
Albert H. Wheeler, flooring and laying				
same,	159	00		
Total for expenses,			\$1,733	12
BOOK ACCOUNT.				
L. J. Richards & Co., atlas,	\$17	00		
Estes & Lauriat and The Charles E.	•			
Lauriat Company, books,	365	03		
Cleveland Public Library, Cumulative Index		00		
Publishers Weekly, Annual Catalogue				
and Literary Index,	7	00		
N. E. Historical and Genealogical Record,	60	00		
Library Art Club, membership,	5	00		
T. H. Castor & Co., French books,	- 42	21		
D. Appleton & Co., books,	6	00 -		
Helman, Taylor & Co., books,	. 5	00		
J. S. Wesby & Sons, binding,	84	76		
Bradlee Whidden, books,	3	89		
W. A. De Pew, Chambers' Encyclopaedia,	40	00		
W. H. Moore, books,	2	50		
George W. Corey, "Journal,"	5	00		
Edward F. Dakin, papers and magazines,	175	70		
Total for books,		—	\$824	09

Mynott Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1898,	\$1,052 43	
Interest,	40 20	
		\$1,102 63
EXPENDIT	URES.	
Estes & Lauriat, books,	\$16 03	
C. A. Stevens, Library World's	Best	
Literature,	65 00	
Total expended,		\$ 81 08
Balance to credit of account M	Iarch 1, 1899,	\$1,021 55
Totol amount received for library,		\$2,665 46
Amount expended, expense accour	nt, \$1,733 12	
Amount expended, book account,	824 09	
Total		\$2,557 21

Balance to the credit of account, March 1, 1899, \$108 25 The Library Committee ask an appropriation of \$1,800 and the Dog Fund for the year 1899–1900.

HENRY B. MONTAGUE, Secretary.

Librarian's Report.

The number of books issued for home use is 19696, a slight gain over last year. Fiction, French books, and magazine literature have each decreased in circulation under one per cent. The circulation of children's books shows a trifling increase. The combined increase in circulation of history, biography, travel, science, and literature is nearly 2 1-2 per cent.

These figures mark but slight variations, but show a tendency which is in general encouraging.

Two hundred and twenty-six new readers have registered. 531 volumes have been added, 14 have been removed, making the total number of volumes in the library 17246. 40 volumes have been replaced, 32 have been rebound. In the annual inventory 6 books were missing; it is likely that some of these can be accounted for later. Other statistics follow this report.

Among the more notable purchases of books are a revised edition of Chambers's encyclopædia, the Warner library of the world's best literature (in 30 volumes), a new atlas of Worcester county, the last 15 volumes of the New England historical and genealogical register, the history of the Lewis and Clarke expedition to the sources of the Missouri river, Britton and Brown's Illustrated flora of the northern United States and Canada, and Vallance's William Morris.

In the periodical list, Le monde moderne, New England historical and genealogical register, Recreation, and the builder's edition of the Scientific American are added.

A new bookcase has been placed in the reading room. The worn and unsightly floors have been covered with a cork carpet.

The classification of the books is being continued as fast as there is time for it apart from the regular work of the library. A classified list of books of travel has been printed since our last report. We hope within a few months to have printed a classified list of the history.

No account is kept of books consulted in the library but so far as we can judge without statistics the reference use of books seems to have been more than last year. The librarian gave a short talk to the pupils of the high school on some common reference books and how to use them.

The museum has had frequent visitors, most of them children.

Gifts have been made to the museum by Miss Fidelia Simpson, Mr. J. N. Larned, Mr. W. H. Clarke, Mr. Michael Earls, and Mr. W. J. Litchfield. Names of persons who have given books appear in the list of donors. We are indebted to Mr. Roland Harper for adding to our fern collection. The local newspapers have done the library a real service in printing weekly lists of books and items of library interest. We have been glad to observe that these lists are read and found useful.

In the summer of 1898 we joined the Library Art Club. Through the club we have had three exhibitions: in October original drawings lent by the Youth's Companion; in December photographs of Florence, Ita'y; in February views of New England scenery furnished by the Boston and Maine R. R. There will be other exhibitions later.

Heretofore the library has never been open on Sundays. While we were not aware of an urgent demand for Sunday opening, we considered it only just to the public that the experiment should be made. In case the attendance should be insufficient to warrant a continuation of the plan, we should have the satisfaction, at least, of feeling that the library was not unused on Sunday because the opportunity to use it was denied. Accordingly the newspaper- and reading-rooms were opened from 3.30 to 8 o'clock p. m. on Sundays from Nov. I to April I. No books are issued for circulation, but any book in the library can be read there. It has not been possible to keep account of the attendance in the newspaper-room, as that is without supervision, but the total number of visitors in the reading room in the sixteen Sundays to March I has been 321, the largest 34, the smallest 10, an average of 20.

The librarian has attended during the year meetings of the Mass. Library Club and the Bay Path Library Club and the annual conference of the American Library Association at Chautaugua.

HARRIET H. STANLEY, Librarian.

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Circulation.

Days library was open,	306
Volumes circulated for home use,	19696
Average daily issue,	. 64
Smallest daily issue,	4
Largest daily issue,	183

Registration of Readers.

Names registered from the beginning,	6457
Names registered during 1898-9,	226
Names cancelled during 1898-9,	23
Accounts now open,	3871

Classification of accessions and circulation.

	Volumes added	Now in	Volumes circulated	¡Per cent circulated
Fiction,		library 1961	9412	47.78
	57			
Juvenile,	43	1168	396 5	20.13
History,	32	1327	721	3.66
Biography,	26	1242	439	2.22
Travel,	2 I	888	579	2.93
Poetry and Drama,	7	679	334	1.69
Science and Education,	32	915	592	3.00
Literature and Art,	77	1137	477	2.42
Religion and Philosophy,	7	546	99	.50
Complete works,		255	40	.20
Miscellaneous,	6	438	88	.44
Bound periodicals,	68	1937	643	3.26
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GIVEN.

American Catholic quarterly review, Rev. J. B. Drennan.

Arena, m, C. L. Newhall,

Book reviews, m, publishers.

Bulletin, m, U. S.—Bureau of American republics.

Bulletin, m, U. S .- Dep't. of Labor.

Catalogue of U. S. pub. documents, m, U. S.—Supt. of documents.

Collector, m, C. L. Newhall.

Congressional record, d, Hon. J. H. Walker.

Consular reports, m, U. S —Bureau of Statistics.

Cook's excursionist, m, publishers.

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Hatch experiment station, m, Mass. agricultural college.

Home market bulletin, m, publishers.

L. A. W, bulletin, m, publishers.

Land of sunshine, m, publishers.

Library bulletin, m. Boston public library.

" m, Brookline public library.

" m, Brooklyn, N. Y., library.

" m, Hartford, Ct., public library.

" q, Iowa masonic library, Cedar Rapids.

" m, New Haven, Ct., public library.

" m, Springfield city library.

Massachusetts ploughman, w, Linus Darling, ed.

New England farmer, w, G. M. Whitaker, ed.

Notes on books, q, publishers.

Official gazette, w, U. S.—Patent office.

Onward, w, Young people's Christian union.

Our dumb animals, m, publishers.

Puritan, m, C. L. Newhall.

Royal arcanum guide, m, Phœnix council.

Southbridge herald, w, W. T. Robinson and D. S. Dougherty.

journal, w. J. W. Ellam.

press, w, George Grant.

Spirit of '76, m, C. L. Newhall.

Travellers' record, m, publishers.

Union signal, w, Woman's Christian temperance union.

Woman's journal, w, publishers.

SUBSCRIBED FOR.

American architect, w, Atlantic monthly, Art interchange, m, Birds and all nature, m. Boston evening globe, d, morning herald, d, morning jonrnal, d, transcript, d, Century, m, Christian advocate, w. Critic, m. Cumulative index to periodi- Popular science monthly, cals, m, Edinburgh review, q, Forum, m,

Harper's bazar, w, monthly,

round table, m,

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Journal of education, w, Library bulletin, Providence, R. I., public library, m,

Library journal, m,

Magazine of art, m, Methodist review, bm, Monde moderne, m. New England historical and genealogical register, q, New England magazine, m, New illustrated magazine, m, New York herald, d. North American review, m, Outlook, w, Popular educator, m, Recreation, m.

Science, w. Scientific American, w, supplement, w, builder's edi-

tion, m, Scribner's magazine, m,

Review of reviews, m, St. Nicholas, m.

Southbridge journal, w, Springfield republican, d, Literary news, m, Literary world, f, Littell's living age, w, McClure's magazine, m, Webster times, w, Worcester spy, d, Youth's companion, w.

FOR HOME USE.

Atlantic monthly, Century, Harper's monthly, New England magazine, North American review, St Nicholas, Scribner's magazine.

List of Books Added 1898-9.

FICTION.

B261-1	Barnes, James	The Princetonian
B554 II	Besant, Walter	Fountain sealed
B554.13	"	Master craftsman
B554-12	" and Rice,	James. Golden butterfly
В859-1	Briscoe, M. S.	Jimty and others. (short stories.)
B9423-4	Bunner, H. C.	Love in old cloathes, and other
	•	stories
В966-11	Burnham, Mrs. C. L.	Great love
В966-э	36	Mistress of Beech Knoll
B966-10	"	Young maids and old
B994-2	Bynner, E. L.	Agnes Surriage
C135-6	Caine, Hall,	The Christian
C2759	Carey, R. N.	Other people's lives
C445-1	Chambers, R. W.	Lorraine, (Franco-Prussian war)
C563-1	Churchill, Winston.	The celebrity
D272-I	Dawson, W. J.	Thro' lattice windows
D337-5	Deland, Mrs. Margar et.	Old Chester tales
D733-11	Douglas, A. M.	Her place in the world

D886-17	Dumas, Alexandre.	Agenor de Mauleon. 2v.
D886-18	66	Brigand; Blanche de Beaulieu
D886-19	66	Horoscope
D886-20	66	M.de Chauvelin's will; Woman
		with the velvet necklace
D886-21	"	Sylvandire
F242-2	Farrar, F. W.	Darkness and dawn
F699 2	Ford, P. L.	Story of an untold love
F852-2	Frederic, Harold.	The deserter, and other stories
F852-3	•6	Seth's brother's wife
F873-2	French, Alice.	Heart of toil, by Octave Thanet (short stories.)
G844-2	Grey, Maxwell, pseud.	Ribstone pippins
H2833-7	Harland, Marion, pseud	l.Old-field school girl
H327-30	Harte, F. Bret.	'Tales of trail and town
H791-7	Hope, Anthony, pseud	Rupert of Hentzau (sequel to Prisoner of Zenda.)
H995-1	Hyde, W. D.	Evolution of the college student
K53-16	King, Capt. Charles.	Warrior Gap
K57·4	Kipling, Rudyard.	Day's work (short stories)
L737-4	Lincoln, Mrs. J. T.	Unwilling maid
M571-4	Merriman, H. S.	In Kedar's tents
M6815-3	Mitchell, J. A.	Gloria victis
M682-8	Mitchell, S. W.	Adventures of Francois (French Revolution)
M877-4	Morris, William.	Sundering flood
P133-3	Page, T. N.	Red Rock: a chronicle of reconstruction
P821-5	Pool, M. L.	Redbridge neighborhood
P858-1	Post, W. K.	Harvard stories
R324-1	Reed, H. L.	Miss Theodora
S261-1	Sanderson, J. G.	Cornell stories
S387-1	Schultz, Jeanne.	Story of Colette
S647-5	Smith, F. H.	Caleb West
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	Stevenson, R. L. Stockton, F. R.	St. Ives Girl at Cobhurst
V531-7	Verne, Jules.	From the earth to the moon
W261-6 W261-7	Ward, Mrs. M. A.	Helbeck of Bannisdale. 2 v. Miss Bretherton
	Wiggin, Mrs. K. D. Wilkins, M. E.	Penelope's progress Silence, and other stories

BOOKS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

2-1158	Andersen, H. C.	Stories
2-1162	Barnes, James.	For king and country
2-1171	Beard, D. C.	American boy's book of sport
2-1153	Bolton, Mrs. S. K.	Lives of girls who became famous
2-1154	4.6	Lives of poor boys who became famous
2-1165	Brown, John.	Rab and his friends, and other dogs and men (Riverside school library)
2-1 167	Clemens, S. L.	Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
2-1173	Deland, E. D.	Oakleigh
2-1174	66	Successful venture
2-1175	Dodge, Mrs. M. M.	New Baby world
2-1164	Franklin, Benjamin.	Autobiography(Riverside school library)
2-1157	Griffis, W. E.	Brave little Holland
2-1166	King, Pauline.	Christine's career
2-1160	Kipling, Rudyard.	Captains courageous
2-1176	Lang, Andrew, ed.	Pink fairy book
2-1163	Longfellow, H. W.	Children's hour, and other poems (Riverside school library)
2-1177	Lovejoy, M. I., ed.	Nature in verse

2-1178	Munroe, Kirk.	Campmates
2-1156	46	Rick Dale
2 -1179	Murfree, M. N.	Young mountaineers, by Charles Egbert Craddock (short stories)
2-1152	Otis, James.	At the siege of Quebec
2-1170	"	Boys of Fort Schuyler
2-1182	Pierson, C. D.	Among the meadow people
2-1155	Pyle, Howard.	Otto of the silver hand
2-1168	Seawell, M. E.	Little Jarvis
2-1169	"	Midshipman Paulding
2-1181	4.6	Twelve naval captains
2-1183	Stockton, F. R.	Buccaneers and pirates of our coast
2-1180	Stuart, R. M.	Story of Babette
2-1172	Thaxter, Mrs. C. L.	Stories and poems for children (Riverside school library)

HISTORY.

3-1317-8 Bailey, F. W., ed.	Early Connecticut marriages
3-1316 "	Early Massachusetts marriages prior to 1800
3-1325-6 Bodley, J. E. C.	France
3-1337 Bradford, Gov. Wm.	History of Plimoth plantation (gift)
3-1333-5 Doyle, J. A.	English colonies in America
3-1340 Fiske, John.	American political ideas
3-1323-4 "	Old Virginia and her neighbours
3-1319 Flint, Grover.	Marching with Gomez
3-1331 Foote, H. W.	Annals of King's Chapel. v. 2.
3-1344 Halstead, Murat.	Story of Cuba

3-1339	Higginson, T. W. and	l .
Channing, Edward.		English history for Americans
3-1328	Hulme, F. E.	Flags of the world
3-1327	Keary, C. F.	Dawn of history
3-1343	King, Rufus.	Ohio, American commonwealths
3-1329	Latimer, Mrs. E. W.	Spain in the 19th century
3-1330	McCarthy, Justin.	History of our own times. v. 3
3-1320	Mahan, A. T.	Interest of America in sea power
3-1332		Old south leaflets. v. 3
3-1336	Steevens, G. W.	With the conquering Turk
3-1338	Thorpe, F. N.	Government of the nation
3-1322	Thwaites, R. G.	The colonies
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3-1342	66	Mississippi basin
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	BIOGI	RAPHY.
4-1232-	3 Audubon, M. R.	Audubon and his journals
4-1242	Bowen, H. C.	Froebel (Great educators)
4-1237-	8 Burton, Isabel, Lady	,
and	Wilkins, W. H.	Romance of Isabel, Lady Bur-
	Carrage Calada	ton
4-1240	Compayre, Gabriel.	Abelard, and the origin and ear-
		ly history of universities
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4-1250	Cornell university.	Memorial services in honor of
	. D' 1'	Henry Williams Sage
	4 Dickinson, Emily.	Letters
4-1231	Fitch, Sir Joshua.	Thomas and Matthew Arnold (Great educators)
4-1234	Higginson, T. W.	Cheerful yesterdays
4-1245	Hughes, Thomas.	Loyola and the educational sys-
		tem of the Jesuits (Great

educators)

4-1255	Hutton, Lawrence.	Boy I knew, and four dogs
4-1235	Krasinska, Francoise, Countess.	Journal of Countess Krasinska, great-grandmother of Victor
		Emmanuel
4-1239	Livermore, Mrs. M. A	
	2 Lodge, H. C.	George Washington (American statesmen)
4-1249	McLaughlin, A. C.	Lewis Cass (American statesmen)
4-1253-	4 Morse, J. T., jr.	Abraham Lincoln (American statesmen)
4-1250	"	Benjamin Franklin (American statesmen)
4-1240	Muller, F. M.	Auld lang syne
4-1247	Nichol, John.	Thomas Carlyle
4-4248	Pellew, George.	John Jay (American statesmen)
4-1236	Pontgibaud,, Chev-	
а	llier de.	French volunteer of the War of Independence.
4-1241	Vallance, Aymer.	William Morris

TRAVEL.

9100025	Clemens, S. L.	Following the equator
910S848	Stevenson, R. L.	Amateur emigrant *
913-39P482	Peter, J. P.	Nippurs; or, Explorations and
		adventures on the Euphrates
914-4T415	Theuriet, Andre	Rustic life in France
914-5S647	Smith, F. H.	Gondola days
914-7T971	Tweedie, Mrs. Alec.	Through Finland in carts
917-2L958	Lummis, C. F.	Awakening of a nation: Mexico

917-4J66	Johnson, Clifton.	Book of country clouds and
917-44B128	Bacon, E. M.	Walks and rides in the country round about Boston
917-44W881	Wood, William.	New England's prospect (reprint) (gift)
917-5P133	Page, T. N.	Social life in old Virginia
	Hazelton, G. C.	The national capitol; its architecture, art, and history
917-3157	Inman, Henry.	Old Sante Fe trail
917-8L675	Lewis, Meriwethe and Clark,	r,
	William.	History of the expedition to the sources of the Missouri river,
010 °D060	D D. E.	Northwest lever the great iss
919-8P363	Peary, R. E.	Northward over the great ice
	POETRY A	ND DRAMA.
6-700	Knowles, F. L., ed.	Golden treasury of American songs and lyrics
6-698-9	Palgrave, F. T., ed.	Golden treasury: the best songs and lyrical poems in the English language
6-701	Phillips, Stephen.	Poems
		Cyrano de Bergerac: a play
		Poetic and dramatic works
, 0		D EDUCATION.
7-897	Allen, G. B.	Water-color painting
	Bailey, L. H.	Lessons with plants
	Ball, Sir R. S.	Star-Jand
	Britton, N. L., and	
	Brown, Addison.	Illustrated flora of the northern United States and Canada 3v

7 -909	Chapman, F. M.	Handbook of birds
7.920	Co-operative build-	
	ing plan associa-	
	tion.	Shoppell's modern houses. 1897
7 -891	Creevey, C. A.	Flowers of field, hill, and swamp
7-896	Drayson, A. W.	Art of practical whist
7.919	• •	Evening entertainments for
		young people
7-900	Gibson, W. H.	Eye spy
7-907	"	My studio neighbors
7-901	Grinnell, G. B., an	•
•	Roosevelt,	
	Theodore, eds.	Trail and camp fire
7-898	Hallowell, E. M.	Elementary drawing
7-895	Hamilton, C. D. P.	Modern scientific whist
7-910	Ingersoll, Ernest.	Wild neighbors
7-915	Knobel, Edward.	Day butterflies and dusk flyers
7-914	"	Night moths of New England
7-894	Mathews, F. S.	Familiar features of the roadside
7-892	Merriam, F. A.	Birds of village and field
7-918	Mott,	
	Mrs. Hamilton,	
	ed.	Home games and parties
7-906	Patridge, L. E.	"Quincy methods" illustrated
7.917		Progressive French drill book A
7-913	Schneider, Albert.	
7-902	Shaler, N. S.	American highways
7-912	"	Domesticated animals
7-890	Weed, C. M.	Life histories of American in-
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7-893	Wilson, Mrs. L. L. W.	Natura atudu in alamantam
	MIS. L. L. W.	Nature study in elementary schools
7-916	"	Nature study: in elementary
		schools reader

7-911 Wright, M. O., and Coues,

Elliott. Citizen bird

LITERATURE AND ART.

8-1088	Blaze de Bury, Yetta. French literature of today		
8-1126	Du Maurier,		
	George.	Social pictorial satire	
8-1090-1125 Garrett, Phineas,			
	comp.	One hundred choice selections	
8-1158	Jerome, J. K.	Second thoughts of an idle fellow	
8-1083	Morris, Wılliam.	Hopes and fears for art	

8-1087 Upton, G. P. Standard cantatas
8-1084 "Standard operas
8-1085 "Standard oratorios
8-1086 "Standard symphonies
8-1089 Van Dyke, J. C., ed. Modern French masters

8-1127-56 Warner, C. D.,

and others. Library of the world's best literature, ancient and modern

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY.

9-542	Giddings, F. H.	Principles of sociology
9-543	Hyde, W. D.	Practical idealism
9 546	Royce, Josiah.	Studies of good and evil
9-547	Spencer, Herbert.	Various fragments
9-544-5	Whiting, Lilian.	World beautiful

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mittee. Ten no-license years in Cambridge

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11-438	Ely, R. T.	Labor movement in America
11-436	Holmes, O. W., jr.	Common law
I I-437	Morris, William.	Signs of change
I I-439	Schaffle, Albert.	Quintessence of socialism
I! 440	Wyckoff, W. A.	The workers: the east
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	AGRIC	ULTURE.
13-196	Bailey, L. H.	Garden making: suggestions for the utilizing of home grounds
13-195	"	Nursery book (Garden-craft series)
13-193	**	Principles of fruit-growing (Rural science series)
13-194	Roberts, I. P.	Fertility of the land (Rural science series)
13-198	Root, A. I.	A B C of bee culture
13-197	Somerville, Wm.	Farm and garden insects
	FRENC	H BOOKS.
17-415	Archard, Amedee.	La sabotiere
17-411	Boileau, Nicholas.	Oeuvres poetiques
17-416	Bossuet, J. B.	Discours sur l'histoire univer- selle
17-441-5	Brunetiere,	
	Ferdinand.	Etudes critiques sur l'histoire de la litterature française
17-433	Claretie, Jules.	Mademoiselle Cachemire
17-434	Clement, Jules.	Traite de la politesse
17-421	Daudet, Alphonse	
17-438-9	Dickens, Charles	Ayentures de M. Pickwick
17-414	Feuillet, Octave.	La veuve

17-410	France, Anatole,	
	pseud.	L'orme du mail
17-412	Gautier, Theophile.	Emaux et camees
17-417	Karr, Alphonse.	La famille Alain
17-435	"	Pour ne pas etre treize
17-432	66	Sous les tilleuls
17-426-31	Lemaitre, Jules.	Les contemporains: etudes et portraits litteraires
17-446-7	Maistre, J. M.,	
	Comte de.	Soirees de St. Petersbourg
17-436	Marmier, Xavier.	Les drames du coeur
17-423-5	Moliere, J. B. P.	Oeuvres completes
17-437	Montesquieu,	
	Charles de Secon-	
	dat, Baron de.	De la grandeur des Romains
17-440	Raymond, Mme. En	1-
	meline.	Lecons de conture, crochet, tricot-
17-419	Souvestre, Emile.	Au bord du lac
17-420	"	Au coin du feu
17-413	16	Recits et souvenirs
17-418	" -	Trois mois de vacances
17-422	Topffer, Rodolphe.	Le bibliotheque de mon oncie
	REFERE	NCE BOOKS.
R-827	Adams, O. F.	Dictionary of American authors

A-49 Carpenter, E. W., and Morehouse, C. F. History of the town of Amherst (Ammidown library) R-835 Munsell's sons, Joel, Index to American genealogies publishers. and to genealogical material contained in local histories

R-837-51	New England historical and genealogical register.
	v. 37-51. 1883-97
R-822	New topographical atlas of Worcester county
R-836	Simmonds, P. L. Dictionary of useful animals and
	their products
R-826	Worcester directory. 1898

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.



OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Farm and Almshouse.

Amount of orders drawn in this department, \$2,447.29. Whole number of inmates during the year, twenty-five, with an average of twenty all the year.

The net cost of \$2.22 per week, includes services of superintendent and matron, hired help and telephone service. The difference in the net cost this year and last is caused by a gain in the inventory last year.

This year there was a shrinkage. The farm did not produce as much this year as last.

The Overseers had all the old beds removed and new iron beds, mattresses and white spreads put in, also one dozen and a half of chairs and a couch for the inmates, which adds to the net cost.

For the ensuing year we recommend an appropriation of \$2,000, same as last year, and \$200 for repairs. The balance in this department is \$463.39.

The management of the property by Mr. and Mrs. George F. Northup, as superintendent and matron, for the past twenty years has been to the satisfaction and approval of the Overseers. Mr. and Mrs. Northup decline to serve another year. The

Overseers have engaged Mr. and Mrs. William McDonald for the ensuing year.

We desire to call your attention to the much needed alterations to the interior of the almshouse. The sanitary arrangements of the house are very poor there being only one bath-tub in the house and that is situated in the laundry and not supplied with hot or cold water. In winter it is impossible to use it.

We have but one furnace in the house and it is impossible to keep the old people warm. We recommend putting in steam and to allow the erection of an addition to the present almshouse so the sick and very old can be kept warm and be on the first floor. We recommend that the sum of \$2,500 be appropriated for this purpose.

The present building is too crowded, and there is no opportunity for the proper separation of the sexes. The building asked for would remedy such a condition of affairs and we again respectfully ask that the needs of this department be considered.

L. WESLEY CURTIS,
F. GATINEAU,
GEORGE J. LAMOUREUX,
Overseers of the Poor.

Inventory of Personal Property.

AT THE ALMSHOUSE AND FARM, FEBRUARY 28, 1899.

Class	I,	Stock,	\$1,041	50
	2,	Hay and grain,	471	84
	3,	Carts, wagons and farming tools,	896	17
	4.	Household furniture.	310	60

5, Beds and bedding,6, Family supplies,	365 00 305 11
inventory of 1898,	\$3,390 22 \$3,979 99
Shrinkage over last year,	\$589 77

HENRY A. MORSE,
W. H. H. CHENEY,
DR. L. W. CURTIS,
Appraisers.

Inmates of Almshouse.

The following persons have been inmates a part or all of the year. Those marked * were inmates March 1, 1899.

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*Charles Congdon,	aged 53
Lucy Harding, died May 4, 1898,	aged 68
John Murphy, died May 20, 1898,	aged 74
Catherine Welsh, died Nov. 28, 1898,	aged 82
*Daniel Holden,	aged 78
*Regina Fogle,	aged 77
*Sarah J. McColgan,	aged 59
*Thomas Kerwin,	aged 56
*John Mack	aged 78
*Caroline Clarke,	aged 86
Louis Homans,	aged 70
*Ann Coldrick,	aged 63
*Catherine Foley,	aged 76

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*Julia Carney,	aged 71
*Pliny Whitney,	aged 53
Huldah Tilton, died Dec. 13, 1858,	
	aged 65
*Abraham Lavallee,	aged 83
Ann Mitchell, died Jan. 9, 1899,	aged 68
*Catherine Monahan,	aged 81
*O. Herber,	aged 18
*Augustus Murray,	aged 66
Alfred Largesse,	aged 25
*Johanna Sullivan,	aged 41
Oliver Bison,	,
Catherine Kinny,	
Twenty-five in all, average twenty.	

Outside Poor.

During the past year there have been about the same number in need of assistance as in previous years. The calls for aid in some cases have been quite heavy on account of sickness. In this department there is due from the state \$700 and some outstanding bills.

The amount of orders drawn,	\$6,475	1.8
This includes for the insane at hospitals,	1,995	00
Paid other towns for persons having settlements		
in this town,	248	65
Paid for persons having settlements in other towns,	298	25
Paid for the state for unsettled persons,	736	45
Paid for 1501 tramps,	150	10
Total expense to town,	5 440	48
Balance in this department,	45	65

For the ensuing year we recommend an appropriation of \$5000.

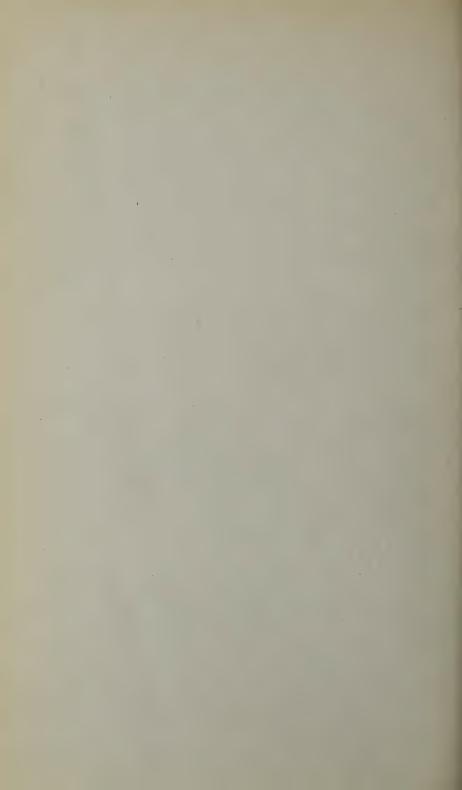
INMATES AT HOSPITALS.

Hendrick L. Smith,	Edward H. Hill,
Thomas Boyle,	John Brogan,
James Minns,	Josephine Lavallee,
Nozaine Lamonthe,	Onesine Capistrand,
Mary Pratt,	Christina Stewart,
Mary A. Kavanaugh,	John Coldrick.

Account of Cash

James Monroe, for hos			\$169 46
Town of Sturbridge, a	d to	Mrs. Moses Mominee,	15 00
66 66 66	6.6	Benjamin Guertin,	. 15 00
" " Wales,	6.6	Susan Lene,	22 00
City of Holyoke	64	Frank Deforge,	10 00
City of Springfield,	6.6	Charles Labreck,	81 00
Town of Sutton,	66	Mrs. E. P. Frost,	74 50
North Hadley,	44	Narcisse Daignault,	35 50
Town of Greenfield,	44	Peter Raymond,	21 00
Joseph Gingras, aid to	his	children.	12 (0
Catherine Welsh, cash received for her buria1,			15 00
Geo. F. Northup, sale	of p	roduce at farm,	113 47
			\$583 03

L WESLEY CURTIS,
F. GATINEAU,
GEORGE J. LAMOUREUX,
Overseers of the Poor.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL * COMMITTEE.

OFFICE OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE, SOUTHBRIDGE, March 14, 1899.

The Chairman and Superintendent presented the annua reports for the school year ending March 3, 1899.

Voted to accept the reports and adopt them as the report of the Committee.

J. T. CLARKE, Secretary.

School Officials.

School Committee for 1898-9.

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HENRY WHITTAKER,		•			-				Term	Expires	1899
ALVA HYDE, .				•					Term	Expires	1900
. W. PENNIMAN, .		•			•		•		Term	Expires	1900
GEORGE M. LOVELL,									Term	Expires	1901
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Officers of School Board.

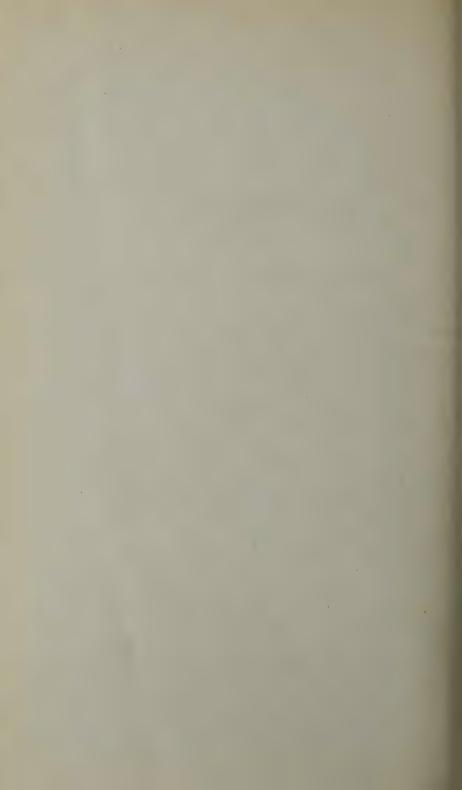
REV. SILVANUS HAYWARD, Chairman.

GEORGE M. LOVELL, Secretary.

Regular monthly meeting first Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

J. T. CLARKE, Superintendent of Schools and Clerk of the Board. Office, Town Hall.

Office Hours: School days, 3.30 to 5 p. m.; 7 to 7.30 Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturday evenings.



Report of School Committee.

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The principal school event of the year has been the erection and occupancy of the new Grammar school building on Marcy street. After full twenty years persistent effort of continually changing Committees the town is to be congratulated on the possession of a finely located, elegant and commodious building, probably unsurpassed in any town of this size in the state. No more profitable investment can be made than whatever adds to the comfort, convenience, and attractivness of school accommodations The highest qualification of a teacher is enthusiasm, for this implies, inspires, or produces almost every other qualification. And scarcely anything can more surely and and fatally quench the fire of enthusiasm than uncomfortable, inconvenient, and insufficient school rooms and furnishings-A Mark Hopkins may train a boy for the Presidency, sitting on a log in the forest, but his life work will be immeasurably greater and better with the abundant apparatus, libraries and accommodations of a well-equipped college.

Much is said, and perhaps none too much, about keeping up with the increasing knowledge of the age. But it is important to distinguish between true and false progress. An "up-to-date" definition says "Nine means the mental concept we have formed of the relation that is permanently sustained by one thing to any nine things of like kind" (In which one has remarked, "If this is true, it is a solemn commen'ary upon the fleeting

nature of human information." The definition is a fair specimen of much that now-a-days poses for profound wisdom in treating of the amazing "Science of Pedagogy," so called. golden rule in teaching is that the true way to learn anything is to do it. A fairly intelligent person visiting a weave-room or a school-room can give a general estimate of the efficiency of weavers or teachers, but only one who has successfully served at the loom or in the teacher's desk, can be at all competent to criticise the quality, or the methods of the work. Theories framed by study and mere observation are worthless in the presence of successful experience, which alone gives true knowledge. Though little learned in books, a common-sense mother who has reared half-a-dozen children to respectable manhood and womanhood knows far more of the best methods of treating child nature than the profeundest philosopher who out of his own consciousness, or from visiting many schools, discourses on the "Psychology of Childhood" as the entomologist discourses of the beetle he has impaled upon a pin. A large part of what is said upon these subjects is the product of imagination, sometimes supposed to be confirmed by artificial and misleading "tests." But notwithstanding all this, there is true growth and valuable progress in the Art of Teaching and it is the constant and united purpose of Committee, Superintendent and Teachers to keep abreast of the real knowledge and the best methods of to-day. We believe that our teachers, as a whole, are doing good work which will compare well with that of like grades in other towns of the State. And in this connection, it is but just to say that the success of our schools is largely due to the faithful, wise and progressive management of our Superintendent seeking impartially to secure the best good of both teachers and pupils.

It is with great regret that the Committee find themselves compelled to ask for increased accommodations for the High school, the rooms being entirely inadequate for the number of pupils to be provided for during the coming year. When the plan for the present rooms was under consideration, the School Committee of that year foresaw this necessity and set it plainly before the Building Committee, but their predictions were only laughed at. A new High School building must of course be the ultimate solution, as it will not be many years before two-hundred will have to be accommodated. But the Committee are well aware that the financial condition of the town precludes any immediate action in that direction. So they ask for the enlargement of the main room, to meet the present emergency.

We hope every parent will give careful consideration to the Financial Statement and the Superintendent's Report herewith presented as a constituent part of our report. We believe the money intrusted to our hands has been wisely and prudently expended. We invite your special attention to what is said of parents' visiting schools and becoming acquainted with the teachers in their work. We add that a familiar talk, now and then, with the Superintendent, in regard to the work and progress of your children, would be a help on both sides.

Financial Statement.

High School.

Balance from last year,	\$777	Ι3		
Appropriation,	2.800	00		
Tuition from other towns,	326	80		
		_	\$3.903	93

Common School:

Balance from last year,	\$557	2 [
Appropriation,	15,500	00	
Tuition from other towns,	24	00	
		\$16,181	21

Contingent Schools.

Balance from last year,	\$10	55		
Appropriation,	3,550	00		
Books, supplies, etc., sold,	, 40			
			\$3,601	35.

Apparatus.

Balance from last year,	11 99	
Appropriation	200 00	
		\$211 99~

Evening Schools.

Balance last year, Appropriation, \$25 I4 650 00

\$675 14

Total resources,

\$24,573 62

The committee have expended:

High School.

Salaries of teachers, Janitor and fuel,

\$2,902 (0

--- \$3,402 00

Common Schools.

 Salaries of superintendent and teachers.
 \$11,823 65

 Care of buildings,
 1,070 70

 Fuel,
 1,253 84

 Tuition,
 68 co

 'Transportation,
 60 00

 Educational lectures,
 81 96

 ———— \$14.358 15

Contingent Schools.

For books,	\$794 85	
For supplies,	836 61	
For repairs,	1,243 04	
For incidentals,	720 15	
		\$3.594 65

Apparatus.

For apparatus, chemicals and books of reference, \$200 12

Evening Schools.

leacners,	\$ 380	50		
Care of rooms,	53	85		
Fuel and lights,	34	7 I		
Rent,	35	00		
Books and supplies,	78	36		
Incidentals,	57	30		
			\$645	72
Total expenditures,			\$22,200	64
Balance in hands of treasurer,			\$2,372	
Books and supplies on hand not distributed	1		\$611	25

Appropriation for Next Year.

High School—	
Teachers,	\$3.200 00
Janitor and fuel,	500 00
	\$3,700 00
Common Schools—	
Teachers and Superintendent,	\$12,000 00
<mark>Janitors,</mark>	1,500 00
Fuel,	1,300 00
Tuitions,	CO 001
Transportation,	100 00
•	\$15,000 00

Contingent Schools—		
Books,	\$900 00	
Supplies,	850 00	
Repairs, ordinary \$600; special \$400,	1,000 00	
Incidentals,	900 00	
		\$3,650 00
Apparatus,		200 00
Evening schools,		650 00

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee,

SILVANUS HAYWARD, Chairman. Southbridge, March 17, 1899.

Superintendent's Report.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF SOUTHBRIDGE:

Gentlemen: The annual report for the year 1898-9 is herewith respectfully submitted. This is the fourteenth of the series of annual reports from this office and the thirteenth of the present superintendent.

Statistics for the Year 1898-9.

Population of the Town, State census, 1895,	8,250
Valuation of the Town for 1898,	\$3,698,190
Number of polls,	1,618
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age,	1,685
Number enrolled in public schools during the year,	1,301
Number under 5 years of age,	28
Number over 15 years of age,	128
Number between 5 and 15,	1,137
Number between 8 and 14.	687
Average number belonging,	995.42
Average daily attendance,	918.02
Per cent. of attendance,	, 92.22
Number of elected teachers employed March 1, 1899,	31
Number of helpers employed March 1, 1899,	2

Cost Per Pupil.

Current expenses, including teaching, fuel and	
care of buildings,	7,760 15
Cost per pupil, based on total enrollment,	13 65
Cost per pupil, based on average enrollment,	17 84
Total expenditures, less permanent repairs,	22,200 64
Cost per pupil based on whole number,	17 06
Cost per pupil based on average enrollment,	22 29
Cost per pupil in High school,	38 49
Through the courtesy of the instructors we are ab	ole to give
the following statistics of the parochial schools:	
Number enrolled at the Notre Dame Parochial school,	746
Average number belonging,	709
Average attendance,	632
Per cent. of attendance,	89.99
Total enrollment at St. Mary's Parochial_school,	170
Average number belonging,	154
Average attendance,	141
Per cent. of attendance,	93.50

Statistics of Attendance.

schools.	Grade.	Whole number enrolled.	Average number belonging.	Average attendance.	Per cent. of attendance.	Per cent. of tardiness to each pupil.	Number of weeks and days of school.
High School,		120	88.38	84.90	96.26	3.87	38-4
Grammar-Marcy street,	IX	53			94.41	4.15	37
** **	VIII	33			95.84	1.39	37
" "	VII	39			95.57	1.41	36-4
66 66	VI	38			96.53	1.15	37-1
** **	VI	44		28.40	91.10	1.79	37-1
** **	V	62		42.32	75.21	2.24	37
66 66	V	48		35.56 43.07	88.90	1.16	37
Primary—Main street, -	III	44			92.66 93	$\frac{3.19}{2.36}$	37 37
i i i street, -	II	48			85.67	.94	36-4
"	I	45		30.40	91.72	1.62	37
66 66	I	59			91.84	3	36-4
School street,	IV	47			96.68	2.95	36-3
66 66	III	39		26.30	93.90	.95	37
" "	ΙΙ	33		27.33	95.19	1.49	37
	II-III	46		39.08	94.95	1.06	36-4
River street, -	11-111	56		28.04	94.76	1.82	37-1
Elm street	IV	58		34.91 40.40	97.89 91.71	$\frac{1.20}{2.22}$	37-1 37
Lim street, -	T	52		34.24	95.32	1.17	37
Carpenter	II-III	62	37.61	35.55	94.53	1.56	37
" -	I	81	51.41	48.26	93.87	3.56	37
Ungraded-Ammidown,	I-V	48	36.11	33.09	91.63	1.73	37-2
Bacon,	I-VIII	17	14.47	12.39	85.61	2.59	36
Hooker, -	I-V	26	18.25	15.44	84.60	.11	37-1
		1301	995.42	918 02	92.22	2.16	37

Corps of Teachers, March 1, 1899.

Name.	Salary.	Date of first election.	Grade.	Graduated.
J. T. Clarke, F. E. Corbin, Everett P. Casey, - Elizabeth Perry, - *Blanche Wheeler, -	1,300 800 600 200	1886 1898 1897 1898	Prin. High Sc. Assistant Grammar.	Dartmouth College. Williams College. Harvard College. Wellesley College. College of Oratory. Nichols Academy. Palmer High School.
Alice Holmes, Isabel P. Taylor, -	Per Month.	1890	VIII.	Southbridge H. S.
*Mary E. Meagher, - Margaret E. Dougherty, Louisa O. Twombly, - *J. Eva Conner, - Abigail C. Hitchcock, *A, Rebecca Rowley,	40 40 40 40	1887 1897 1892 1898 1898 1865	VI. V. V. V.	Southbridge H. S. Framingham Norm'l. Salem Normal Sc. Worcester Normal. Bridgewater Normal. Southbridge H. S.
Mary Page, Alice B. Aldrich, Clara P. Chase, *Jane Farquhar, Martha Cutting,	36 36 36 36 36	1899 1889 1896 1887 1885	IV. III. III. II and III. II and III.	Johnson Normal, Worcester Normal, Brimfield High Sc. Quincy Training. Southbridge H. S.
Mary L. Boardman, *Nettie V. Stone, *Mary A. Ellis, *Agnes M. Meagher, Susan M. Knight, Mabel J. Newell,	32 36 36 36	1891 1898 1883 1886 1858 1892	II. I. I. I.	Southbridge H. S. Southbridge H. S. Southbridge H. S. Southbridge H. S. Southbridge H. S. Southbridge H. S.
Mary E. McCabe, - Margarett G. Butler, Ida M. Plimpton, - Lizzie E. Morse, - *Jennie Simpson, -	36 36 40 36	1890 1893	ĮĮ.	Quincy Training. Southbridge H. S. Southbridge H. S. Southbridge H. S. Framingham Norm'l.
Winnifred M. Kinney, H. Genevieve Hyde, Ethel Seavey, Elizabeth Searles, *Anna F. Eager,	24 16 40	1896 1899 1898	Helper. " Substitute. Drawing. Music.	Southbridge H. S. Southbridge H. S. Southbridge H. S. Berwick Academy. Normal Art School.
Mrs. H. N. Carpenter,			ATA COSTC.	

^{*} P. O. address, Globe Village, Mass.

Attendance Roll of Honor.

List of pupils reported as perfect in attendance, neither absent nor tardy during the year. Others have always been in their places except when detained by sicknes.

Robert Charlton. Willie O'Halloran, John Brennan,

Charles Wood, Mennan Morse. Joseph Flood,

Mamie McKinstry, Edward LeClair.

Perfect in attendance two terms: Harriet Dougherty, Frank Morrissey, Leona Paine. Ethel Simmons. Etta Herber, Earl Payne, Henry Smith, Lucy Putney, Hector Blair. Armede Delage, Mabel Cook. Minnie Cook, Ray Plimpton, Oliver Dumas, Melina Boucher. Amedia Richards. George Tully, John Power.

Bessie Goodell, Guy Olney, Lillie MacNie. Maud Phipps, Leo Dumas. May F. Kelly, Fred Lombard. Persis Rowley, Philip Tetrault, Amy Montville, Aldoria Gagnon, Arthur St. Onge, Evelyn Gagnon, Lydia Tetrault, Mathew Morrissey, Florence LaVallee. Lienne Tetraulx.

Walter Maguire, William Shephard, Arthur LaCroix, William Flood, Delty Delage, Oscar Gatineau, Napoleon Senecal, Everett Simmons, Marion Simpson, Wilfred Blaine, George McFarland, Bernedette St. Onge. Napoleon Blanchard, Eugenie Tetrault. Tellesfore Leduc. Alexina McDermott. Alberta McDermott,

121 others have been perfect in attendance one term.

In the enrollment of the school children last May the officer found 1685 between the ages of 5 and 15 years, 23 less than in the previous year. In the schools the total number enrolled is 26 more than last year, the average enrollment 125 more, showing less variation between the total and average enrollment than in previous years. The per cent. of attendance for

the year is 1.59 lower than last year, due undoubtedly to the interruptions caused by the severity of the storms and the unusual prevalence of sickness.

There are recorded in the school register 544 visits during the year of parents and interested friends, not including those of the Superintendent and special teachers.

Our schools are open to visitors at all times, and parents, especially, are most cordially invited to visit the class-rooms during the sessions, to become better acquainted with the teachers of their children in their daily relations. A better knowledge of the spirit and motives of the teachers and their methods of work will tend to mutual sympathy and helpfulness, and misunderstandings may often be avoided, or more readily adjusted.

The following table shows the statistics for the past seven years.

	May Enroll- ment.	Total Enrollment in the Schools.	Average number belonging.	
1892-3,	1701	1144	738.94	92.84
1893-4,	1783	1187	745.35	93.24
1894-5,	1731	1115	777.48	93.66
1895-6,	1678	1125	752.40	94.21
1896-7,	1651	1242	861.36	93.25
1897-8,	1708	1275	870.62	93.81
1898-9,	1685	1301	995.42	92.22

The financial statement shows a balance to the credit of each account.

There has been received for tuitions of pupils from other towns \$350.80, and \$68 paid for tuition of pupils of the Dennison District. The expense of transportation has been \$60.

The total expenses of the year have been \$2,900.61 more than for the preceeding year.

Truant Officers.

The Truant Officers have attended to their duties, responding to the calls of teachers to look after absentees, visiting the homes of delinquents and returning boys to their places in school. The excuses generally assigned for absence are illness or lack of clothing.

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They report:	
Number of visits to schools,	45
Number of calls upon parents,	143
Boys taken to school,	29
Number taken before the court,	0
Number sent to Truant School,	0

MONROE REYNOLDS, JAMES BROWN, PETER CAPLETTE,

Truant Officers.

Evening Schools.

The four Evening Schools were in session three months, closing the last of December. The two schools for boys were in charge of Mr. Knowles; the girl's school at the Center in charge of Miss Holmes, that at River street conducted by Mr. Carev.

The schools were entirely free from the disorderly element that has usually attended for a few evenings. The attendance was commendably regular, requiring but few cases to be reported to employers for irregularity. The average number belonging was considerably less than the total enrollment, due mostly to the fact that many were not in town during the whole term.

At the close of the term certificates were issued to 165 who had attended with sufficient regularity to entitle them to that recognition. Eleven were perfect in attendance; thirteen were absent only one evening; twenty-three absent two evenings and nineteen three evenings.

The law requires that during the sessions of the Evening Schools reports shall be made each week to the several employers of the attendance of the pupils in their employ. To carry out the letter of the law would require much time every week in filling out all notices and forwarding the same. To simplify this matter, and cause the least possible trouble to employers, and at the same time, comply with the spirit of the law, notice is sent each week of all delinquents only. Employers understand, if no notice is received, that those in their employ are in regular attendance. This plan is duly authorized.

Number of schools,	4
Number of teachers employed,	8
Number of pupils enrolled, boys 134, girls 85, total,	219
Average number belonging,	179
Average attendance,	161.49
Per cent.of attendance,	90.22
Total cost of the schools for the season,	\$645.72
Cost for pupil,	\$3.24

Repairs.

The expenses incident to adjusting the school rooms to the changed conditions of this year—the moving into the new building and refurnishing the rooms vacated by the Grammar and

Intermediate grades could not be closely estimated in the call for the year's appropriations. It seemed advisable to put all the furniture in the several rooms to be occupied in the best possible condition. The furniture of the Grammar and Intermediate grades in the several buildings was nearly all of recent and approved pattern. All the desks of suitable size were repaired and dressed over and placed in the new building. The Building Committee furnished a teacher's desk, table and chairs for each room, and for one room, a full set of furniture. To complete other sets a considerable number of additional desks for pupils were purchased.

The vacated rooms in the several buildings were re-furnished with furniture for Primary grades. Desks which were stored at the River Street building at the time of the opening of the Parochial schools, were brought into service. One new set, and additional pieces to complete sets in other rooms, were purchased. In all the lower grade rooms a few desks of larger size were placed to accommodate the few large pupils who cannot sit comfortably in the ordinary desks of these grades.

The bills for the new furniture amounted to \$491.45; for special repairs incident to the above changes \$434.17. In accordance with the recommendations made in the report of last year, a jacketed stove was placed in each of the lower rooms at the River Street house, with provision for ingress of pure air, and ventilating registers at the base of the chimneys. The cost of this improvement was \$145.62. In the large reception room at the High School, a table with gas and running water for experiments in science teaching was placed at a cost of \$53.59. The total amount of these special improvements and repairs is \$1,124.83.

For the Marcy Street building the following items should be provided for in the appropriations for next year:—to complete the grading of the school-house lot; to re-build the fence on the north-east side, and on rear of lot; to protect the windows of the basement by outside guards, and to complete the cementing of the basement floor. It is estimated that the total cost of several items will be \$400.

High School.

There are now belonging to the High School 86 pupils. Of these sixteen are in the senior class and will complete the course in June, leaving 70 in the three lower classes. Next year there will be over fifty candidates for the high school and all are expecting to enter the Freshman class. The largest class ever entering the school was 40 in 1890. The present outlook indicates a school of 120 or more for next year. The seating capacity of the department is now 102. The main room admits 63 desks; the large recitation room, usually called the Freshman room, allows 30 desks. The situation demands immediate attention. With present facilities the high school cannot be adequately accommodated next year. The seating capacity of the main room of a high school ought to be sufficient for the entire school. The school increases each year and judging from the classes in the several grades of the grammar schools, the ratio of increase will be greater than in the past. The suggestion in last year's report seems to be the most feasible provision for the present.

"The rear of the high school room is under a separate, onestory roof, a projection from the main building, and can be extended without affecting the main building. An extension of 15 feet would increase the seating capacity to 108. An extension of 21 feet would admit 126 desks. The extension should be 25 feet, giving an open space of a few feet in the rear of the room."

The large entering class will require that the recitations

be conducted in two divisions, necesitating the employment of an additional assistant.

The high school department of any system of schools is comparatively expensive. The teaching force commands higher compensation, and the cost of books and general equipment is much greater than in the lower grades. That adequate return be received for the larger outlay, every facility for advantageous and effective work should be provided, that the department may reasonably be held responsible for commendable results in scholarship and character. Comparatively few of the graduates enter higher institutions, the majority closing their schooldays at this stag. While due attention is given to the few who can go on to a more liberal education, the most practical training should be given to this majority, on the principle of the greatest good to the greatest number, that they may go out from the school with the best possible equipment in mind and character a high school can give, to meet the every day problems of common life.

No element of school training is more important than that which gives a ready command of our own language, that enables our youg people to read intelligently, to write well and to speak well. It should be the aim to give this with a taste for the best in literature. To strengthen work in this direction Miss Wheeler was appointed at the beginning of the school year to take the department of reading, elocution and literature. Favorable results of her work are already apparent.

The Common Schools.

The occupation in September of the new and commodious eight-room Grammar School house on Marcy street, the closing of the Union street and Sunner buildings, the vacating the temporary rooms in the Town Hall and one room at the River

Street house and the consequent re-adjustment of the schools to the improved conditions form an epoch in the history of the schools of the town.

The schools in the new building were organized by bringing together all the pupils of the village classes above grade IV. Of grades VII, VIII and IX, one school of each was formed; of grade VI, two full classes; of grade V, there were enough pupils, 145, to fully occupy the three remaining rooms. It was intended to reserve one room for an Ungraded class, where pupils, deficient in one or more studies, could be placed temporarily and receive special attention until prepared to enter one of the regular grades; but so many pupils, outside of the regular classes entered, that all the rooms were occupied on the first day, leaving no place for an ungraded class. It is hoped that in a short time all the pupils of these three schools of grade V who are of equal advancement and prepared to work together to advantage, can be brought into two rooms, and the remaining room be used for those who do not now class with any grade. This room will be of great advantage to those requiring special attention, enabling them, in many cases, to enter after a time, a class higher than they otherwise would be able to do.

The children and teachers are to be congratulated on the improved conditions under which the schools are this year conducted. This applies not only to the admirable accommodations of the Grammar schools but to all Primary grades. All are now in regular school rooms which have been put in the best condition. The rooms are fairly well provided with maps, charts, globes, books of reference and other appliances for progressive work. The books in the hands of the pupils for the various branches of study are all of recent issues; the reading matter has variety and is of the most approved and excellent quality, in part relating to the subjects of study pursued. Upon their desks the teachers have a variety of late editions of books other than the prescribed text books, treating upon the same subjects-

These are consulted both by teachers and pupils in the prepara. tion of lessons, and furnish examples, additional facts, illustrations and material for the recitation.

Four years ago an elementary Algebra was introduced in the ninth grade as a preparation for the more advanced work of the High school. This year the class has begun Latin in connection with the English Grammar. By those best able to judge, it is generally believed that by this course, the pupils will secure a clearer conception of language construction, than by devoting the language period wholly to the study of English phraseology, In many of the cities and larger towns of the state, these subjects have been taught for years in the Grammar schools. It has been found that the rudiments of the Latin are more readily learned by children younger than those of the ordinary High school age.

Arithmetic has always been considered one of the most es sential studies of the school curriculum. In the methods of teaching the subject there has been great improvement in recent years. Much of little or no practical value has been eliminated to give place to other work that must receive attention. In our schools stress is laid upon the most practical subjects. The fundamental processes are dwelt upon until accuracy and rapidity are secured. Very early in the course simple forms of fractions, decimals, denominate numbers, percentage, etc., are taken up and much practice given in solving problems suited to the capacities of the pupils. In all grades and in all subjects much oral work preceeds the written work. Long and complex examples and problems are avoided, and some subjects are omitted or briefly treated. Effort is constantly directed to have the children acquire a mastery over the every day problems of life—such as are of use in ordinary business transactions.

Geography is a difficult branch to teach successfully. So much may be included in the subject that is not easy to discriminate between that which is really educative and that which has

little value, learned to be soon forgotten. Instead of the old mechanical way of question and answer relating to definitions and facts learned from the text book or map, our teachers aim, by the topical method, to interest the children in the subject and to arouse the spirit of inquiry and investigation. Contour and relief are learned by map-sketching and moulding. Pictures, objects and every available aid are used to direct the children in acquiring an intelligent knowledge of the earth as the home of man.

Reading is the basis of all the work in the school-room. To be able to grasp the thought of the printed page helps the child more than any other single form of instruction. To read well is an accomplishment. In the first steps prominence is given by our teachers to phonics in connection with the word and sentence methods, thus enabling the child in a short time to get new words without the help of the teacher. Calling words is not reading, so all the way, emphasis is laid upon aprehension of the thought before attempting vocal expression. Constant attention is directed to correct pronunciation, distinct articulation, proper emphasis, and to create and foster a love for instructive reading.

In History the aim is not mere fact getting, but rather to give a clear and orderly knowledge of the leading events in the progress and development of our country with causes and effects, to awaken an interest and inspire pupils to investigate for themselves, to develop a taste for biographical and historical reading and study which will be continued beyond school life. History is closely correlated with Geography, and maps and progressive outlines are constantly used. Study and recitation are by-topics, aided by supplementary reading, pictures and whatever may assist in forming a vivid idea of people, places and events.

Language is by far the most important branch of study as it includes all work done in giving skill and fluency in the ex-

pression of oral and written thought. Hence all studies are made to contribute to training in language, and the thought is constantly before the mind of the teacher.

The study of *Nature* in some of its varied forms receives early and continued attention, the aim being to lead the children to observe forms of life, first, in the more noticeable qualities, and, later, to train in accurate observation, comparison and simple classification. Material in great variety is brought to the classrooms for observation and study.

Physiology, as required by the statutes, receives attention in every grade.

Music in the Primary grades is taught from charts by the regular teachers, in the High and Grammar schools by special teacher, with pleasing results.

Drawing in all classes is under the direction of the Supervisor, who devotes her whole time to the work. A good degree of interest is manifested and the department is in good hands. Great interest is now everywhere manifested in art study and in school room decoration. Art Leagues are formed in many places to secure works of art for this purpose.

Report of the High School.

MR. J. T. CLARKE, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir: I have the honor of presenting to you a report of the High School for the year 1898-9.

There has been 120 pupils enrolled during the past year, the largest number ever enrolled, and a gain of 9 per cent. over the previous year.

Of this number 18 have attended from out of town.

Owing to the fact that the next entering class will probably number over 50 there is an imperative need of an enlargement of the High School room. There is at present seating room for 102 pupils and as the number attending next fall will be 120 or more, it is evident that there must be more seating room provided. If the main room were large enough to seat all the pupils it would save much confusion in the movements of classes and be better in many ways.

We were fortunately able to retain Miss Perry during the past year and her work has grown more efficient with added experience.

Mr. Carey who began his work in September has had charge of the science and mathematics for which he is well adapted by training and temperament.

Miss Blanche Wheeler, Southbridge High School '92, Boston School of Oratory '95, has had charge of the class in Literature and all matters pertaining to reading and recitals, spending two periods daily in this work.

Owing to the growth of the school another assistant should be engaged for September.

The Principal of a school as large as ours should have some time for the supervision of the work of the assistants but owing to the large number of classes, which are necessary, I have been unable to have a spare period.

The class of '98 was the largest class ever graduated. 24 in number, being 67 per cent. of the entering number while the average for the state is 33 per cent. or less.

Of this class one entered Harvard, one Brown, one Amherst, one Worcester Normal, one is studying in Germany and three have made arrangements to enter Mt. Holyoke next September, while two were prevented by unforeseen accidents from entering Harvard, practically 25 per cent. of the entering number will attend higher institutions. The class presented the

school with copies of Holmes', Whittier's and Longfellows' poems and an electric call bell.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. CORBIN.

Report of the Supervisor of Drawing.

Mr. J. T, Clarke, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir: Drawing is divided into four departments: 1st, Freehand drawing in all grades which includes the representation of fruit, flowers, vegetables and objects of various kinds. 2nd, Color, including color harmonies and the application of these harmonies in design. 3rd. Mechanical drawing. In the lower grades the study of simple plane figures and the use of the ruler; in the higher grades mechanical problems, working drawings and developments. 4th, Decorative drawing, illustrating the adaptation of plant forms to design and introducing the study and copying of Historic Ornament and original design.

The aim of art instruction is not to teach the child to be an artist, but to lead him to understand and appreciate works of art and to love that which is beautiful in art and nature. Also to increase his ability to represent graphically any object or group of objects that may come within his observation.

In the fall nature provide us with abundant material with which to work. There are the wild plants of various kinds, from simple grasses suitable for primary purposes to leaves and branches which we may use for subjects for advanced pupils. The weeds and flowers as they go to seed, form very

interesting studies and are usually most effectively drawn with the brush and ink. October furnishes us with material for color work and the High School classes were very successful in painting their leaves in the natural colors.

Our object drawing shows more variety than ever before. The primary pupils have cut objects from paper and drawn simple things in pencil and brush including toys, fruit and vegetables. In the grammar grades we make perspective drawings of the geometric solids and groups of various objects. Japanese lanterns, painted in their gay colors, make interesting studies; games drawn by the eighth grade were among the objects represented. The many plants in attractive jardinieres add much to the attractiveness of the Marcy street school, and these have been utilized in the drawing. Many studies of plants in their various shaped jars have been drawn and are quite effective done with the brush. Figure work is always interesting, and the upper grammar grades, and the High school pupils have had a number of lessons on this subject. The classes draw one of their own number or primary pupils who pose for them. The sophomore class in the High school have been studying light and shade and have drawn and shaded groups of objects and casts.

Much interest has been manifested in the pictures by noted artists, now that we can obtain them at a very low price. Many of the pupils have made collections of these small reproductions and are familiar with the works of Raphael, Landseer, Rosa Bonheur and others. The children write about the various pictures and some good essays have been written in the upper classes. Many of the teachers have decorated their school-rooms with these small pictures, but what we need are large pictures that will cover our bare walls, make the school room more attractive and give a better idea to the children of the artist's work.

In mechanical work we take up the construction of objects

and the pupils are taught to understand working-drawings. Plans for houses and details of building construction are taught in the High School. In the Grammar grades the pupils make working drawings of various objects and in studying the application of curves to ornamental forms make designs for vases, jars, paper-cutters, etc.

In decorative work designs are made for book-covers, wall-papers, table-covers, initials, etc. The spring months bring us many interesting flowers which we draw in pencil and in brush, and these are also used in design.

Thanking the superintendent, school committees and teachers for their hearty co-operation.

Yours respectfully, ANNA FRANCES EAGER.

Teachers.

The professional standard for teachers is constantly growing higher, and it will, probably, not be long before the statutes will require of all teachers employed in the state a professional training, or an equivalent successful experience. As a whole, the corps of teachers of our schools never possessed a better equipment or higher degree of merit than those now in charge. They are thorough, earnest and progressive, fully devoted to their work and using every means to keep abreast of the times. The work of the schools is progressing quietly with very little friction, and in a good degree, systematically. The order in most rooms is excellent, the teachers insisting upon a ready obedience as the first duty of pupils. The number of teachers under regular appointment is three more than last year.

School Signals.

During the year the school signal has been given five times, twice for one session, and three times for no school in any grade.—Another signal is now added.

In case the morning signal is given for no school, and the storm clears away, making it suitable for an afternoon session, the signal will be sounded at 12.30 and all schools will have an afternoon session from 1.30 to 4 o'clock. The signals now stand as fo lows:—

SIGNALS.

Alarm at 8 a. m., one blow, no school for Primary grade. Same signal repeated immediately, no school in any grade Alarm at 11.30 a. m., one blow, one session.

Alarm at 12.30, one blow, afternoon session for all schools.

Attention is called to important changes made at the last session of the legislature relating to school attendance. A summary of present laws is given in the appendix

I desire, in closing, to express to the teachers my appreciation of their co-operation and ready response to all my suggestions, and my sincere gratitude to all who by expressions of encouragement and confidence have lightened the labors of the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. T. CLARKE, Superintendent.

Calendar for 1899=1900.

HIGH SCHOOL-40 weeks.

- Spring Term, 15 weeks, begins on Monday, March 13; ends on Friday. June 30, 1°99. Recess one week en ling April 8.
- Fall Term, 16 weeks, begins on Tuesday, September 5; ends Friday, December 22.
- Winter Term, 9 weeks, begins on Tuesday, January 2, 1900; ends Friday, March 2.
- Spring Term, 16 weeks, begins on Monday, March 5; ends Friday, June 29. Vacation one week, ending April 7.

COMMON SCHOOLS-40 weeks.

- Spring Term, 15 weeks, begins on Monday, March 6; ends Friday, June 23. Vacation one week, ending April 8.
- Fall Term, 16 weeks, begins on Tuesday, September 5; ends Friday, December 22.
- Winter Term, 9 weeks, begins on Tuesday, January 2, 1900; ends Friday, March 2.
- Spring Term, 16 weeks, begins Monday, March 5; ends Friday, June 29. Vacation one week, ending April 7.

HOLIDAYS.

Every Saturday; Washington's Birthday; Patriots' Day; Memorial Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving and the day following.

Graduating Class of 1898.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 23.

"MAINTAIN THE RIGHT."

Music.	Selections from Lady Slavey Gustave Kerker ORCHESTRA.
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PRAYER	REV. W. A. HADLEY
CHORUS	. "Song of Welcome." The School
SALUTA:	TORY AND ESSAY. { "I trust my sword, I trust my steed, } But most I trust myself at need." } SARAH PERSIS HASKELL
Essay.	"Opportunities for Acquiring Education." MINNIE MABEL THOMPSON
Essay.	"Civilization in Education." Nellie Gertrude Streeter
ESSAY.	"The Growth of Great Cities."
	Joseph Trephile Blanchard
Essay.	"Warrior Women of History." - EMILY MAUD HAYNES
Essay.	"Instinct." Lucy Carleton Reed
Essay.	"Visions." Harry Clifton Rose
ESSAY.	"Echo." Jesselyne May Green
Essay.	"Advertising." Elizabeth Cecilia Kelly
FSSAY.	"Political Youth of To-day." - Frederick George Hall
	TTE. "Return, Soft, Gentle Evening." Emerson IESSRS. McKinstry, Sanders, Chamberlin, Morse.
Essay.	"Superstitions." RUTH EMILY CHAMBERLAIN
Essay.	"The Calendar." MABEL ALICE MARCY
Essay.	"A Look Ahead." Frank Sheldon Morse
Essay.	"Be Yourself." AMITY BLANCHE ANGELL
Essay.	"The Twentieth Century Girl." - ALICE MAUD SANDERS
Essay.	"National Monuments." - CLARENCE ALEXANDER HALL

ESSAY.	"Contentment." EDITH GRACE DOUGHERTY
Essay.	"Character." ETHEL SEAVEY
TRIO. "	Ebb and Flow." King Misses Dougherty and Douty.
ESSAY.	"Success and Its Achievement." WILLIAM JAMES HENRY
ESSAY.	"Ripples from a Pebble." - MAUDE ESTELLE VARNER
ESSAY.	"Nobleness." BELLE MARIA COOPER
ESSAY.	"Our Heritage." - Clifford Forrest Chamberlain
*Essay.	"Progress of Science." - ROBERT WOODWARD SANDERS
*Essay	AND VALEDICTORY. "Mythic Fancies." FLORA MAE WELD
CHORUS.	"Joy, Joy, Freedom To-day." - THE SCHOOL
PRESENT	CATION OF DIPLOMAS BY CHAIRMAN OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
MARCH.	"America Forever." Shroeder Orchestra.
BENEDIC	TION.
Music.	National Airs Selection Beyer ORCHESTRA.

*Excused.

Class Poem 1898.

Kind friends, there stands upon this stage No great, renowned poetic sage. But one who in a humble way, Would sing a reminiscent lay That you may know about the great, The glorious class of ''Ninty-Eight."

The years we've spent within these walls Have helpful been to one and all, So wise we proved ourselves and sage, Our teachers thought the Golden Age Returned to the abodes of men, And Saturn our great king again.

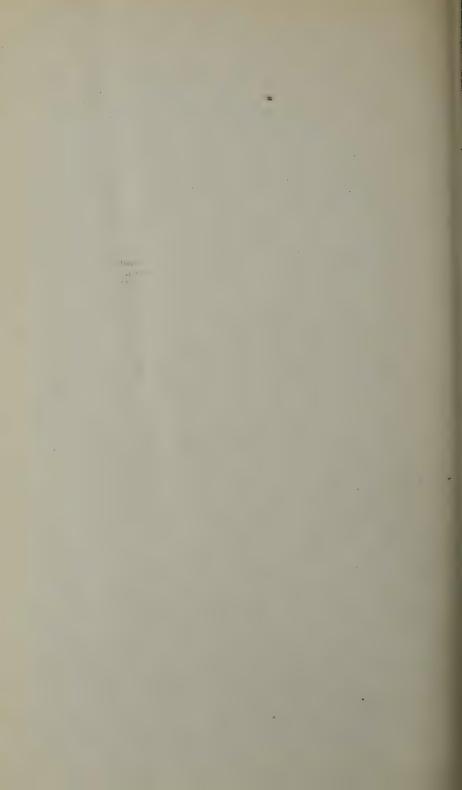
In ninety-four we entered school, Assigned to room where Freshmen rule; With algebra we struggled then, (We'er glad we don't have it again;) To Botany attention paid, And far and wide the fields surveyed.

Our spring thus finished, summer came, Soph'mores, wise fools, we then were named; With Cæsar we great conquests made And towns and fields in ashes laid. Then what with Greek and Physics too, We had as much as we could do.

Our third year like an autumn day, Swiftly, swiftly sped away, On Cataline we heaped abuse, His wickedness had no excuse, At Cunaxa we fiercely battled, In French, avec plaisir, we prattled.

Teachers, with us your work is o'er, We leave you to return no more; Our failings in the past forgive, Let no unkind remembrance live. But may you all recall with cheer The days when "Nine-Eight" was here.

To you, schoolmates, who will return, Our good advice pray do not spurn, Each task perform with thoughtful care, Your teachers' confidence to share. Avoid the faults; but imitate Whate'er was good in "Ninety-Eight."



APPENDIX.

Summary of Educational Laws.

(From circular issued by State Board of Education, Fec. 1898.) Changes concerning Employment of Children and attendance at School.

CHAPTER 494, ACTS OF 1898.

SECTION I changes from thirteen to fourteen the age below which no child shall be employed in a factory, work shop or mercantile establishment. It forbids his employment for wages while school is in session and all employment before six in the morning and after seven in the evening. It strikes out the requirement of thirty weeks' attendance at school during the year after a child is thirteen before he can be granted a certificate that he is fourteen, attendance now being required all the time up to fourteen.

SECT. 2 requires the employer to procure and keep on file and accessible to truant officers, the district police and inspectors of factories, age and schooling certificates of all such children employed, the limits of age now being fourteen and sixteen years, instead of thirteen and sixteen as heretofore; also, to keep two lists of all such children, one on file as heretofore, the additional one co-spicuously posted near the principal entrance of the building in which such children are employed.

EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS. SECT. 2 requires all employers to keep on file a complete list of all minors employed who cannot read at sight and write simple sentences in the English language; also, to send to the Superintendent of schools the names

of all such illiterate minors employed—new requirements applicable to persons from fourteen to twenty-one years of age.

SECT. 5 provides that before a child under sixteen can be granted an age and schooling certificate, he must present to the person authorized to issue the same, an employment ticket, duly filled out and signed. The certificate is to be surrendered to the child when he leaves the employer's service; but if not claimed within thirty days from the ending of his service, it is to be returned by the employer to the superintendent of schools.

SECT. 7 renews old provisions that no minor who cannot read at sight and write simple sentences in the English language shall be employed while a public evening school is maintained in the town in which he resides, unless he attends a day school, or has a permit issued by the superintendent of schools; or, unless his teacher certifies each week that he is in regular attendance at such evening school (not in attendance seventy per cent. of the time as he etofore).

SECT. 8 authorizes truant officers to visit factories, workshops and manufacturing establishments without that special direction from the school committee which the old law required, and report any cases of illegal employment of minors to the School Committee and to the chief of the district police, or to the inspector of factories for the district. Complaints under this act are to be brought by inspectors of factories, not by truant officers.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES CHAP. 496.

SECT. 11. No child who has not been duly vaccinated shall be admitted to a public school except upon presentation of a certificate signed by a regular practising physician that such child is an unfit subject for vaccination. No child, who is a member of a household in which a person is sick with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles, or of a household exposed to

contagion from a household as aforesaid, shall attend any public school during such sickness or until the teacher of the school has been furnished with a certificate from the board of health of the town, or from the attending physician of such sick person, stating in a case of smallpox, diphtheria or scarlet fever, that a period of at least two weeks, and in a case of measles a period of at least three days, has elapsed since the recovery, removal or death of such person, and that danger of the conveying of such disease by such child has passed.

SECT. 12 makes attendance upon a public school compulsory, for all children between the ages of seven and fourteen years, during the entire time the public schools are in session, with no allowance for unexcused absence.

Excepted from these provisions are (a) children that are attending approved private day schools, or receiving instruction equal to that given in the public schools; (b) children that are compelled by necessity to be absent, including children whose physical or mental condition renders their attendance inexpedient or impracticable.

SECT. 26. Every habitual school offender, that is, every child under fourteen years of age who persistently violates the reasonable regulations of the school which he attends, or otherwise persistently misbehaves therein, so as to render himself a fit subject for exclusion therefrom, upon complaint by a truant officer, and conviction thereof, may be committed, if a boy, at the discretion of the court, to a county truant school for a period no exceeding two years, or to the Lyman school for boys, and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided for in section twenty-eight of this act.

SECT. 31. Any person having under his control a child between seven and fourteen years of age who fails for five day sessions or ten half day sessions within any period of six months while under such control, to cause such child to attend school as required by section twelve of this act, the physical or mental condition of such child not being such as to render his attendance at school harmful or impracticable, upon complaint by a truant officer, and conviction thereof, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than twenty dollars. Any person who induces or attempts to induce any child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors while school is in session any child absent unlawfully from school, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

DUTIES OF TRUANT OFFICERS. Section 34 directs truant officers to inquire into all cases arising under this act, and authorizes them to make complaints, serve processes and carry into execution judgements thereunder. They are to proceed directly under the provisions of this act, by-laws having been done away with.

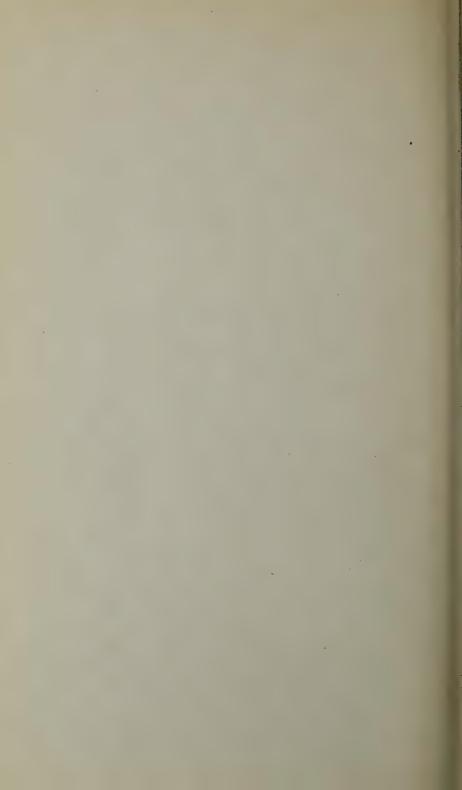
SECT. 22 requires that towns pay one dollar a week (instead of two as heretofore) for the maintenance of each child sent to a truant school.

SCHOOL CENSUS. SECT 16 provides that the school census shall include the names and ages, with such other facts as may be designated by the State Board of Education (a) of all persons between five and fifteen years of age, and (b) of all minors over fourteen years of age who cannot read at sight and write simple sentences in the English language, residing in town on the first day of September. The first census under this requirement is to be taken in September 1899.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN CLERK.



Town Clerk's Report.

Vital Statistics.

Number of marriages, births and deaths, in the town of Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1898.

Numbers of marriages.

Numbers of marriages—	
American,	22
French,	57
Irish,	13
Sweden, English,	I
Poland,	T
Scotch,	3
Austrian,	ı
	. — 98
Number of Deaths—	
American,	40
French,	122
Irish,	34
Sweden,	4
English,	12
Colored,	I
Scotch,	2
German,	I
	216

Number of Births—	
American,	41
French,	217
Irish,	32
Sweden,	2
English, The Control of the Control	3
Poland,	2
German,	2
Scotch,	2
Russian,	3
	304
Number of dogs licensed—	
Males,	328
Females,	24
	352

Insurance on Town Property.

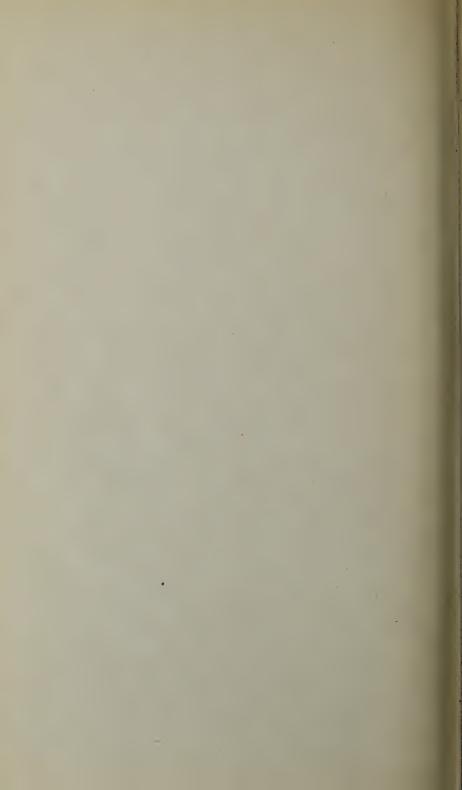
Town hall building and contents,	\$60,000 00
Boiler, town hall building,	5,000 00
Engine house and contents, Globe Village,	8,500 00
Engine house and contents, Central street,	4,000 00
Storage barn and contents near Main street,	1,900 00
Almshouse and contents,	10,300 00
Library building,	2,500 00
Printed books, etc., public library,	10,200 00
New school house, Marcy street,	20,000 00
Brick school house, furniture, etc.,	7,000 00
School house, School street,	4,700 00
School house, Sandersdale,	2,000 00
School house, Union street,	2,000 00

School house, Pleasant street,	2,000 00
School house, Elm street,	1,600 00
School house, near Morris street,	1,500 00
School house, Bacon district,	600 00
School house, Sumner district,	600 00
School house, Hooker district,	600 00
Armory,	5,500 00
	\$150,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR M. PHILLIPS,

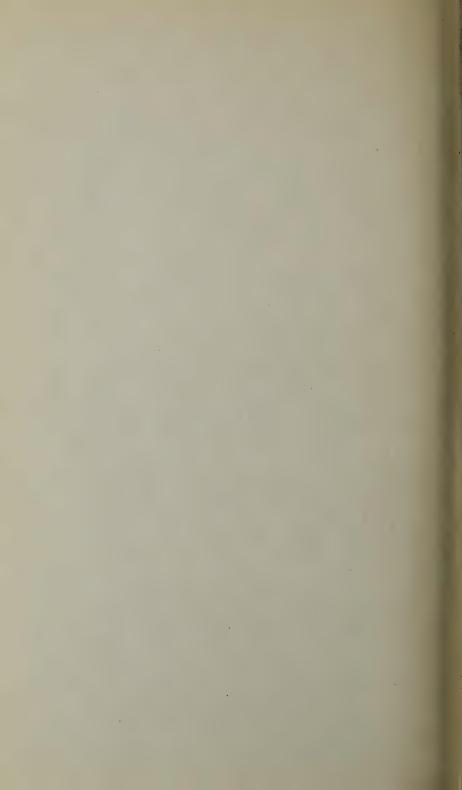
Town Clerk.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FIRE * DEPARTMENT.



FIRE ENGINEERS.

In compliance with the usual custom relative to the Fire Department, we submit our fourth annual report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1899.

Accompanying this report is a correct record of the Department with the amount of expenditures, also what recommendations we deem necessary for the best interests of the Department and Town.

Manual Force

The Manual Force: Board of Engineers; Chief, and four District Chiefs, two steam fire engine companies of fifteen men each, two hand hose companies manned by the two steam fire engine companies, two hook and ladder companies of ten men each, Superintendent of Fire Alarm, and fifteen horses subject to the call of the Department.

Roll Call of Fire Department.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

C. P. Phipps, Chief Engineer.

B. C. Stone, District Chief of Boxes 21, 23, 24.

Patrick Flynn, District Chief of Boxes 25, 26, 28, 32.

George J. Lamoureux, District Chief of Boxes 41, 42, 43, 45, 46 and Private Boxes 31, 71, 72.

C. F. Marble, clerk and District Chief of Boxes 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39.

STEAMER AND HOSE CO. NO. 1.
M. L. Dillaber, Captain
H. A. Dresser, Lieutenant
W. R. Hager, Clerk and Treasurer
Geo. B. Works, Engineer
H. H. Clemence, Assistant Engineer
Jos. Bebo, Stoker
Otto Carlson, Steward
HOSEMEN.
R. E. Moore, A. E. Davis, H. C. Pellett,
Geo. T. Armes, C. F. Jordan, H. M. Robinson.
A. L. Cozzens, W. E. Briggs,
Substitute, E. D. Chamberlain.
CTPAMED AND HOCE CO NO -
STEAMER AND HOSE CO. NO. 2.
John Hefner, Captain M. P. O'Shaughnessy, Lieutenant
M. P. O Snaugnnessy, Lieutenant
F. A. Wald, Clerk and Treasurer
Geo. Simpson, Engineer
John Splaine, Assistant Engineer and Steward
Wm. Walters, Stoker
HOSEMEN.
Douglas Hivan, Wm. Crawford, Jos. Rivers,
Stermius Herber, Edward Splaine, Luke Reilly,
Geo. Thayer, M. E. Walters, Wm. Connolly,
Substitute, T. O'Shaughnessy.
HOOK AND LADDER CO. NO. 1.
L. N. Duquette, Captain
Peter Caplette, Lieutenant
Edward Hetu, Clerk and Treasurer
John Coggins, Louis Peloquin, Frank Farro,
J. K. Egan, N. Gamache,
John Coggins, Louis Peloquin, Frank Farro, J. K. Egan, N. Gamache, Thos. McGrath, Jos. Lucia,
Substitutes, Alfred Deslauniers, Chas. Martel.

HOOK AND LADDER CO. NO. 2.

John Brennan, - - - - - - Captain
John Hogan, - - - - - - - Lieutenant
John W. Smythe, - - - - Clerk and Treasurer
Wm. T. Kennedy, H. E. Weld, Peter May,
Thos. Brennan, P. F. Delehanty,
Mich. Breen, Jos. Powers,
Substitutes, A. Holmes, H. C. Moynhan.

Fires and Alarms.

There were eleven alarms, with one general alarm, also eight still alarms.

- July 7, 1898, 3.15 p. m. Box 34. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in Hotel occupied by J. B. Degrenier owned by N. L'heureux. Damage \$30. Insurance \$4,000. Insurance paid \$30. Recall 3.21 p. m. Cause, from over heated chimney.
- Aug. 30, 8.25 p. m. Box 35. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in dwelling occupied by S. K. Edwards, owned by same. Damage \$300. Insurance \$4,500. Insurance paid \$300. Recall 8.29 p. m. Cause, unknown.
- Sept. 4, 3.32 a. m. Box 26. No. 2 companies responded. Recall 3.40 a. m. False alarm.
- Sept. 23, 2.07 p. m. Box 34. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in block owned by Wm. Comstock and occupied by John Bonnett and Wm. Green. Damage \$345. Insurance \$5,200. Insurance paid \$245. Recall 2.25 p. m. Cause, from oil stove.
- Oct. 26, 9.15 a. m. Box 24. No. 2 companies responded to a brush fire in the rear of Wm. Booth's house. Recall 9.20 a. m.

- Nov. 11, 6.05 p. m. Box 28. No. 2 companies responded. Fire in a dwelling owned by M. Marcy, est., and occupied by four families. No damage. Insurance \$1,500. Insurance paid, none. Recall 6.11 p. m. Cause, chimney.
- Dec. 5, 12.52 p. m. Box 42. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in dwelling owned by David Boucher. Occupied by French family. Damage \$10. Insurance \$1,000. Insurance paid \$10. Recall 12.56 p. m. Cause, over heated chimney.
- Dec. 7, 11.35 a. m. Box 28. No. 2 companies responded. Fire in Factory owned and occupied by the Southbridge Opt. Co. Damage \$250. Insurance \$31,500. Insurance paid \$250. Recall 11.45 a. m. Cause, explosive fluid.
- Dec. 13, 6.18 a. m. Box 34. No. 1 companies responed. Fire in Hotel occupied by G. W. Faulkner and owned by Geo. H. Hartwell. Damage \$290.70. Insurance \$15,500. Insurance paid \$290.70. Recall 633 a. m. Cause, match thrown into bed.
- Dec. 25, 6.22 p. m. Box 46. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in dwelling owned by Mrs. Jos. Theriault, occupied by two families. Damage \$75. Insurance \$1,000. Insurance paid \$50 Recall 6.30 p. m. Cause, oil lamp.
- Feb. 10, 1899, 9.40 p. m. Box 34. No. 1 companies responded. Fire in block owned by Eliza A. Pellett and occupied by H. C. Pellett & Co. Damage \$6,366.50. Insurance \$6,475. Insurance paid \$6,366.50. This fire extended to the Whitford and Ellis Block. General alarm at 10 p. m. Recall 2.03 a. m. Cause, ashes in wooden receptacle.

Appropriation and Expenditures.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1898, Appropriation at annual meeting, \$313 38 1950 00

EXPENDITURES.

John I Dowley toom	#
John J. Bowlen, team,	\$210 00
Hamilton Woolen Co., team,	111 00
W. & W. A. Seavey, team,	101 CO
N. S. Vial, team,	62 50
Gas & Electric Co.,	86 21
Southbridge Water Co.,	27 00
E. C. Ellis, coal,	34 80
W. Booth, "	80 50
Boston Woven & R. Co., hose,	285 95
N. E. Gamewell Co., fire alarm supplies,	338 48
C. S. Ayres, carpet,	16 39
W. C. Lewis, supplies,	17 86
C. P. Phipps, "	50 68
R. Wardle, painting,	26 05
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	4 96
Geo. F. King & Co., flags,	13 00
Thos. Plant & Co., boots,	15 80
Hartford S. B. I. & I. Co., insurance,	25 00
C. F. Marble, freight and cartage,	10 57
Alex. Boyer, labor,	4 68
J. B. Brousseau, repairs,	2 20
S. H. Davis & Co, dusters,	7 00
Otto Carlson, wood and supplies,	15 96
W. H. Clark, paper,	2 70
Geo S. Stone Co., repairs,	34 00
Geo L. Winter, supplies and repairs,	2 2 36
Robinson & Dougherty, printing,	4 50
Combination Ladder Co., coats and noz-	
zels, vitriol,	93 64
Alexander Bros., caps,	102 50
J. B. Prescott & Son, zincs,	I 3 92
E. F. Dakin, record book,	4 85
Geo. B. Works, labor and supplies,	16 25

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Fire Dept. Pub. Co., fire record-book,	. 5	00	
American Optical Co., labor and repairs,	2	88	
J. S. Gleason, supplies,	5	46	
A. W. Paton, vitriol and soda,	22	03	
Gleason & Bailey, repairing hose reel,	30	00	
Hamilton Woolen Co., changing whistle,	158	11	
			\$2065 79
Balance to credit of account,			\$197 59

Salaried Account.

RECEIPTS.

By appropriation,		\$1,910 00
EXPENDITURES		
Board of Engineers, Chief (\$100)		
four assistants,	\$25 00 each	\$200 00
Two engineers for steamers,	100 00 "	200 00
Two assistant engineers for steamers,	50 00 "	100 00
Two stokers,	50 00 "	100 00
Two stewards,	75 00 "	150 00
Four captains,	35 00 "	140 00
Four lieutenants,	30 00 "	I 20 00
Thirty-six hose and ladder men,	25 00 "	900 0 0
		\$1,910 00

Firemen's Relief Association.

Deposits in Bank Jan. 1st, 1899,	992 40
Amount drawn out during the year,	 12 00
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Balance,	\$980 40

Electrician's Report.

Gentlemen: The fire alarm system has given very good satisfaction this year and a number of changes have been made that have materially benefited it.

The Southbridge Gas & Electric Co. have had to change a number of their polls and when the fire alarm wires were replaced they were put in a better position and now will be secure from trouble at these points.

We have had but one break in the line caused by intense cold, which snapped the wire on Hook street.

Early last summer it was thought advisable to change the cutouts in all the boxes and we had an expert come up from the factory and the results of his work were very gratifying. With the old cutouts the closing of the door would not always cut the box out of circuit, thus necessitating a heavier battery current and also exposing the magnets in the boxes to the danger of a burn out from lightning or cross wire.

The Globe Village whistle, which was over the boiler room in the Print works, where it was very hot and dusty, has been moved into another room and is now in a good position where it can be easily reached and kept clean.

The Indicator and Register voted for last spring have been put in and are very satisfactory.

When we get our new engine house, and it must be soon, for the old house is settling and cracking, the service can be further improved by the substitution of storage batteries for the gravity batteries now in use.

Supplies on hand: 24 jars, 10 saucers, 6 zincs, 23 coppers, 1-2 bbl. sulp. copper.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW F. HALL. Supt. Fire Alarm Telegraph.

Water Supply.

I feel it my duty to keep before the citizens of the town, the condition of our water system. There are two parts of the town, namely: Plimpton and Pleasant streets, and Charlton road where there is no fire protection. And should a fire occur in either of these localities, the only way of getting a stream of of water on the fire, would be by using two steamers and thousands of feet of hose, which is not practical, and cripples the department, should another fire occur at the same time. We should have at least 12 hydrants in these localities. We also should have another line of hydrants on the opposite side of Main street. The pipe being connected with the main coming down Hamilton street at Shepard's corner, and run as far as I. P. Hyde's house, giving us a hydrant at the head of Foster street, one at the head of Central street and one near Whitford & Ellis block. At the same time not reducing the pressure of the main pipe. During the year, four new post hydrants have been added.

General Remarks.

The apparatus in service remains the same as last year, except during the last year owing to so much leather hose becoming unfit for service we purchased 500 feet of new double jacket to take its place. And this year about the same amount, for the same reason should be procured. The Board recommends the building of a new central station this spring. And as we have said before, the house on Central street is in a very delapidated condition. Also our hook and ladder truck is kept where it cannot be taken care of as it should be.

I wish to say a few words in regard to the fire on Feb. 10th, which taking into consideration that the night was the worst I have ever experienced, the men worked willingly and cheer-

fully, but it was entirely out of the question to move with agility. The fire had to be fought entirely from the exterior, and the ice on the ladders rendered them almost useless. And as soon as the hose were filled with water, and became wet, they stiffened to such a degree, that to move them from their original position was out of the question. The men were hampered in a great measure by their clothes, and those that used their rubber coats were no better off, for as soon as the water touched them, it froze before it could run off, and in a very short space of time the whole force was clad in a sheet of ice, with hands, feet, and face insensible from the cold.

And here is where we think that voters and tax payers should see to it, that the men should have a suitable place where they could all go and remove their coats before going home. Also a place where the hose could be taken in and thawed out at once, and be ready for service. As it was hundreds of feet were obliged to lay in the street until the next day before it could be taken in and cared for. Also our truck and ladders were covered with ice, for almost a week, before it could be removed.

We wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Ex-Chiefs, and also the citizens for their able support at our Convention and Muster last fall.

This year we would recommend that the sum of \$1.500 be appropriated for running expenses and hose. In conclusion I would thank the board of Engineers for their support, the members of each company, also the Stewards of the two houses, for their excellent care during the past year. Credit is due to those who furnished horses, for their promptness in responding to alarms. Also to the Superintendent of the Fire Alarm, and his assistant, for the excellent condition of the system.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. PHIPPS, Chief. C. F. MARBLE, Clerk.



CO. K, 6th MASS. INFT., U. S. VOLS.,

IN THE

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

[CONTRIBUTED BY CAPT U. A. GOODELL.]

The President having issued the call for volunteers and the officers having met and volunteered the 6th Regt., the enlistment book was opened at the armory of Co. K on the evening of the 29th of April, 1898. Fifty one names were secured that night, most of them members of Co. K, 6th Inft., M. V. M. Recruiting went on briskly for the next few days and the desired number, 77, was soon obtained. Knowing that upon the arrival of the regiment at South Framingham the men would have to pass a rigid examination, I applied to the Selectmen for doctors to examine the men, in order to save the expense of transporting the rejected men back from camp. Drs. Reed and Genereux were supplied and the thoroughness of their work was proven, as we lost but two men in the physical examinations at camp. The men were not subjected to the eye test here as the requirements were not known. In this test we lost eight men, making in all ten rejected. Some companies lost thirty men in these examinations.

On the 6th day of May the company reported at camp with 74 men and two officers. Owing to sickness in his family Lieut. Higgins did not volunteer and Lieut. Portal was assigned to Co. K. As he did not care to serve William P. LaCroix was sent for and mustered in as 2nd Lieut.

On the 13th day of May the company was mustered into the U. S. service. We remained in South Framingham till the 20th, drilling, drawing clothing, rations, equipment, etc. On the 20th we received orders to proceed at once to Camp Alger, Va. We arrived there the 22d, stopping in Baltimore to have that famous march through the city, which is now a matter of history.

While in Camp Alger orders were received to recruit the company up to 109 men and Sergt. Reed was sent home to recruit the desired number. He performed that delicate and responsible task with great credit.

The time at Alger was spent in drilling, practice marches, and getting into shape for the more serious work ahead. Co. K was complimented time and time again by officers high in rank for discipline, drill, neatness of quarters and general efficiency. While here Priv. Martin Walsh was taken sick; dying on the 7th of July, two days after the Company started for the front.

On the 5th of July the Regiment started for Santiago Cuba, going by way of Charleston, South Carolina, and embarking on the transport Yale the eighth day of July. We arrived off Siboney the 11th, in time to see the last of the bombardment of Santiago. The time spent on board the Yale, the poor rations, cramped quarters, fierce heat, etc., is a matter of history and does not need to be repeated here. On the 21st we started for Porto Rico, arriving at Guanica, P. R., the 25th, and landing the same day. Early the following morning Co. K, with four other companies, was ordered to the front, to support the companies already there.

In the short skirmish that followed, Co. K bore a most conspicuous part, being assigned to the most difficult and dangerous duty, that of driving the enemy from a high and steep hill which was the key to the Spanish line. As the order to advance was given, Co. K deployed as skirmishers and began the

task set for them The hill was thickly overgrown with cactus and protected with four lines of barbed wire fence. Brass and mauser bullets sang their terrible song. The fire was heavy but thanks to the poor marksmanship of the Spanish was not very effective. Corp'l Gary went down with a bullet in his neck: Private Drummond received two bullets in his neck: Corp'l Peterson was wounded in the knee, but not a man faltered. The company withheld their fire until the top of the hill was reached when they opened such a well directed fire that the enemy fled in confusion, leaving everything behind them. Co. K pursued the enemy at least three-quarters of a mile beyond the rest of the American line and were only stopped by positive orders from Gen. Garretson. After the skirmish Co. K was ordered to the hill they had captured and told to fortify and hold it. The company remained on the hill two days when they were relieved and went back to camp. On their arrival in camp they were very highly complimented for their steadiness and coolness under fire and their very efficient work in driving the enemy from an almost impregnible position.

On the 30th of July the troops started from Guanica for the march across the island to San Juan. On the 5th of August Capt. Goodell resigned and the command devolved upon Lieut. Putney. On Sept 3d, Lieut. Putney was sent on special detail, and 1st Serg't Lee was in command of the company until the arrival of Lieut. LaCroix, who had been left in the hospital sick with malaria. On the 9th of October Lieut. Gray, of Co. A, having been promoted to Captain was assigned to Co. K, and remained with the company until mustered out. The terrible march across the island over almost impassible roads and trails, where only pack mules could be used to transport rations and supplies, the camps in malarial swamps, the short rations, drenching rains and fierce tropical heat, are too well known to be repeated. It is sufficient to say that Co. K bore its part

well, always having more than the average number of men for duty, and winning praise constantly.

The regiment returned on the Mississippi, Oct. 27, and was met by a delegation from town, and greeted by an immense throng on their arrival, and after resting a few days were given a grand reception.

Serg't G. H. Sayles and Priv. Charles E. McGregor were taken sick in Porto Rico, brought back to America, but failed to recover. Sayles dying at Fortress Monroe and McGregor in South Framingham.

In writing this short account of the record of Co K, I have endeavored to note only the principal events. In closing I wish to bear earnest festimony to the willingness and faithfulness with which Co. K performed every duty, and in behalf of the company I wish to thank the people of Southbridge, and especially the selectmen, for the support and encouragement which we from time to time received.

The war is over and Co. K has made a record of which the citizens of Southbridge and surrounding towns may well feel proud.

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Name.	Rank.	Residence.	Eulisted.	Discharged.
*Ulysses A. Goodell,	Captain.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	
Frank E. Gray,		Wakefield.	May 6, 1898	Jan. 21, 1899
Newton E. Putney,	1st Lt.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
William P. LaCroix,	2d Lt.	Scuthbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
William F. Lee,		Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Clarence G. Shippee,		Southbridge.	May 6, 1898	Jan. 21, 1899
Frank A. Herron,		Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Robert E. Putney,	Sergt.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Frank M. Wetherell,	Sergt.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
†George E. Reed,	Sergt.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898	
William Grovendyke,	Sergt.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
James A. Higgins,	Sergt.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
John L. Norman,	Sergt.	Southbridge,	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Harry H. Medzker,	Seigt.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1893	Jan. 21, 1899
‡George H. Sayles,	Sergt.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	,
§Henry Gary,	Corp.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Louis P. Holman,	Corp.	Webster.	vlay 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
§John A. Peterson,	Corp.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	1 2000
James E. Clements,	Corp.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Frank E. Bonnette,	Corp.	Sou hbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
John T. Kenworthy,	Corp.	Sturbridge.	June 21, 1898.	
Ernest Clauson,	Corp.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Warren T. Wheelock,	Corp.	Webster.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
William J. English,	Corp.	Southbridge.	June 21, 1893.	Jan. 21, 1899
Emery Rheaume,	Corp.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Napoleon Phaneuf,	Corp.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898	Jan. 21, 1899
James P. Kennedy,	Corp.	Brookfield.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
George J. McIntosh,	Corp.	Webster.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
¶Joseph Reno,	Corp.	Southbridge.	May 6 1898.	
George Bridget,	Corp.	Southbridge.	June 21, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Justus A. Primpton,	Corp.	Southbridge.	June 21, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
John A. Owens,	Artificer	Leominster.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Joseph Duchame,	Wagon'r	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Thomas Grady,	Music'n.	Webster.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
¶Martin G. Acton,	Private.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	
Narcisse Allard,		Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan, 21, 1899
William R. Alton,		Dudley.	June 21, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Edwin E. Baker,	Private.	Southbridge.	June 21, 1898.	
Antoine Belanger,	Private.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
James J. Benoit,	Private.	Southbridge.	May 6. 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Joseph Bouthillette,	Private.	Southbridge.	June 21, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Edward J. Breen,	Private.	Southbridge.	June 21, 1898.	
Lucian G. Buteman,	Private.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
¶George Bird,	Private.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	
John Caplette,	Private.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Frank E. Carpenter,	Private.	Woodstock, Ct.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Albert Chapdelaine,	Private.	Southbridge.	June 21, 1898.	
Joseph T. Collins,	Private.	Webster.	June 21, 1898.	
William J. Condon,	Private.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
John Coughlin,	Private.	Southbridge.	June 21, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899

Name.	Rank.	Residence.	Enlisted.	Discharged.
Russel Dougan,	Private.	Webster.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
**James Drummond,	Private.		May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Philip Durand.	Private.		May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Arthur Drennan,	Private.		June 21, 1898	Jan. 21, 1899
George E. Egan,	Private.	1	June 21, 1898.	
John M. Ennis,	Private.		May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Frank W. Fisk,	Private.	Charlton.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Michael Fitzpatrick,	Private.		June 21, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Thomas M. Flood,	Private.		May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
William Ford,	Private.	Webster.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Omer Galipeau,	Private.		May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
John T. Garvy,	Private	Worcester.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Fred. N. Gelineau	Private.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Paul Gerber.	Private.	Webster.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
¶Napo!eon Garceau,	Private	Scuthbridge.	May 6, 1898.	
Everett P. Gray,	Private.		May 6, 1898.	Jan 21, 1899
Christopher Hopwood,	Private.	Southbridge.	June 21, 1898	Jan. 21, 1899
TPatrick Hickey,	Private.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	,
John Johnson,	Private.	Southbridge,	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
James Kenney,	Private.	Boston.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Joseph Kirg,	Private.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Henry J. Kosmaler,	Private.	Webster.	June 21, 1898.	
Peter Laplante,	Private.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Fred. Lowdon,	Private.	Woodstock, Ct.	May 6. 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Henry Laprade,	Private.	Southbridge.	June 21, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Timothy Maher,	Private.	Webster.		Jan. 21, 1899
Dennis Maloney,	Private.	Southbridge.	June 21, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
James Maloney,	Private.	Webster.	June 21, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
Thomas H. Murtha,	Private.	Webster.	May 6, 1898.	
Adelbert Mandigo,	Private.	Wales.		Jan. 21, 1899
David Mason,	Priva'e.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
William McGill,	Private.	Webster.	May 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
William McGuinness,	Private.	Webster.	June 21, 1898.	
Alex. Mominee,	Private.	Southbridge.	May 13, 1898.	
William R. Moran,	Private.	Chicopee.	May 13, 1898.	
Lawrence T. Morrissey,	Private.	Southbridge.	June 21, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899
††Joseph Maxfield,	Private,	Brookfield.	May 6, 1898	
ttCharles E. McGregor,	Private.	Marlboro.	May 6, 1898.	Inn 01 1000
Albert C. Martin,	Music'n.		June 21, 1898.	
Alexander Paquin,	Private. Music'n.	Southbridge.	May 6, 1898.	
Joseph Nagle,	Private.	Southbridge.	June 21, 1898	
Peter Peloquin, Paul N. Peltier,	Private.	Southbridge.	June 21, 1898. June 21, 1898.	
Henry E. Plimpton,	Private.		June 21, 1898.	
Clarence S. Preston,	Private.	Boston.	June 21, 1898.	
James T. Ryan,	Private.	Southbridge.	June 21, 1898.	
Walter Reinhard,	Private.	Southbridge.	June 21, 1898.	
Fred. Shur,	Private.	Southbridge.		Jan. 21, 1899
William J. Shea,	Private.	Southbridge.	June 21, 1898	
Myron M. Smith,			May 6, 1898.	
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Name.	Rank.	Residence.	Eulisted.	Discharged.
William P. Stanik, Alcide St. John, James Stone, Julius Trembly, Frank Trembly, George H. Vinton, George W. Vinton, Ernest S. Ware, §§Martin Walsh, Allen L. Wood, Linsday Wood,	Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. Private. Private.	Webster. Chicopee Falls. Webster. Suthbridge. Southbridge. Sturbridge. Quinebaug, Ct. Southbridge. Southbridge. Southbridge.	June 21, 1898. Way 6, 1898. May 6, 1898. May 6, 1898. May 6, 1898. June 21, 1898. June 21, 1898. June 21, 1898. May, 6, 1898.	Jan. 21, 1899 Jan. 21, 1899 Jan. 21, 1899 Jan. 21, 1899 Jan. 21, 1899 Jan. 21, 1899 Jan. 21, 1899

^{*} Resigned August 5, 18)8.

[†] Transferred to U. S. Signal Corps June 18, 1898.

[†] Died Oct. 28, 1898, at Fortress Monroe, Va., of dysentery.

[§] Wounded in skirmish at Guanica, Porto Rico, July 26, 1898.

Transferred to Eighth Massachusetts Infantry, U.S. Vols.

^{**} Wounded twice in skirmish at Guanica, Porto Rico, July 26, 1898,

^{††} Discharged for disability Aug. 27, 1898.

tt Died Oct. 9, 1898.

^{§§} Died July 7, 1898, at Fortress Monroe, Va.

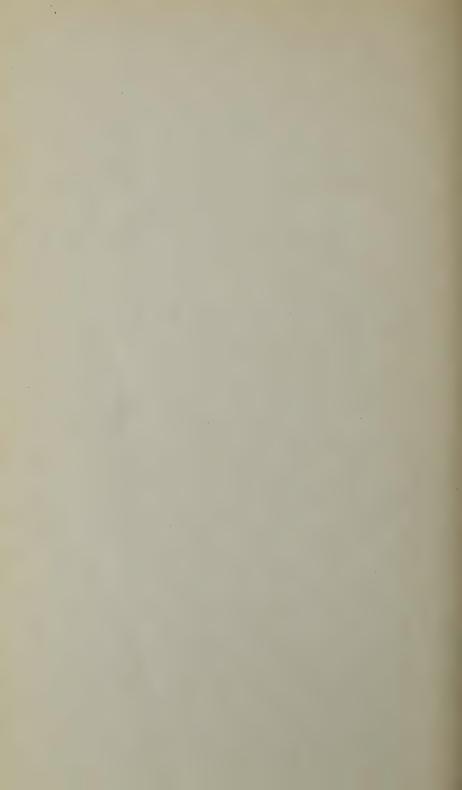
REPORT OF PLUMBING INSPECTORS.

The plumbing inspector, E. G. Conant, having removed from town, the auditors have taken from his bills rendered that thirty-nine jobs had been examined and approved.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TAX COLLECTOR.



UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

* Fireman, who has claim against town.

Tronium, who had	CICCIAL		50, 50, 44 111		
Ayott, Napoleon	\$2	СО	Bickerstaff, Valentine	\$2	00
Albee, H. W.	2	00	Blake, John	2	CO
Allard, Victor	2	СО	Blute, John F.	2	00
Allard, David, Jr.	2	00	Blute, Michael J.	2	00
Allard, Prisque	2	00	Boisvert, Francis, Jr.	2	00
Allard, Pierre, 3d	2	00	Bouchard, Louis	2	00
Anderson, Frank T.	2	CO	Boucher, Alphonse	2	СО
Arpin, Napoleon	2	00	Boucher, Caliste	2	00
Angie, Leonide A.	2	00	Brousseau, John	2	00
Ayotte, Joseph	2	СО	Boyden, Richard	2	00
			Boyden, John	2	00
Banchand, Louis, 2d	2	00	Breen, Edward J.	2	СО
Bailey, Wm. H.	2	CO	Briggs, George	2	00
Baker, Reuben	2	00	Briggs, Walter	2	00
Barrie, Joseph, Jr.	2	00	Brodeur, Joseph	2	00
Barrie, Albert	2	СО	Brodeur, J. B.	2	00
Barrie, Henry	2	СО	Brousseau, Henry L.	2	CO
Barrie, Frank H.	2	00	Burrell, Moses A.	2	00
Beaulieu, Albert	2	00	Butterworth, Hartley	2	СО
Beaupre, Octave	2	00	Bonnette, John J.	2	00
Beaupre, Joseph	2	00			
Beauregard, Joseph	2	00	Cabana, George E.	2	00
Bevins, Pierre	2	00	Capistrand, Paul	2	00
Boulanger, Elzier	2	СО	Caplette, Oliver	2	00
Bertrand, Hycianthe	2	00	Carey, John	2	00
Bertrand, Joseph, 2d	2	00	Carey, Andrew	2	00
Bebo, Henry	2	00	Caron, Peter	2	00

Caron, Phillip 2d	\$2 00	Cuddihy, Dennis F.	\$2 00
Caron, Adolphe	2 00	Cuddihy, Thomas P.	2 00
Carpenter, Everett	2 00	Cudworth, Dorvel	2 00
Cavanaugh, Martin	2 00	Cullens, John	2 00
Chamberlain, Frank W.	. 2 00	Cullens, John, 2d	2 00
Chappelle, John	2 00	Cunneen, John,	2 00
Christian, Charles M.	2 CO	Curley, John	2 00
Clarke, Charles M.	2 00		
Clarke, Harrison C.	2 00	Daigneault, Irving	2 00
Clayton, Thomas	2 00	Davis, Oliver	2 00
Clemons, Robert S.	2 00	Davis, Joseph	2 00
Cloutier, Emile	2 00	De Grenier, Napoleon	2 00
Collette, Hector	2 00	DeGrenier, Adolphus	2 00
Collette, Ulric	2 00	DeGrenier, Adolphus,20	2 00
Collis, Richard	2 00	Delage, Frederick	2 00
Collins, Michael	2 00	Demers, Elie	2 00
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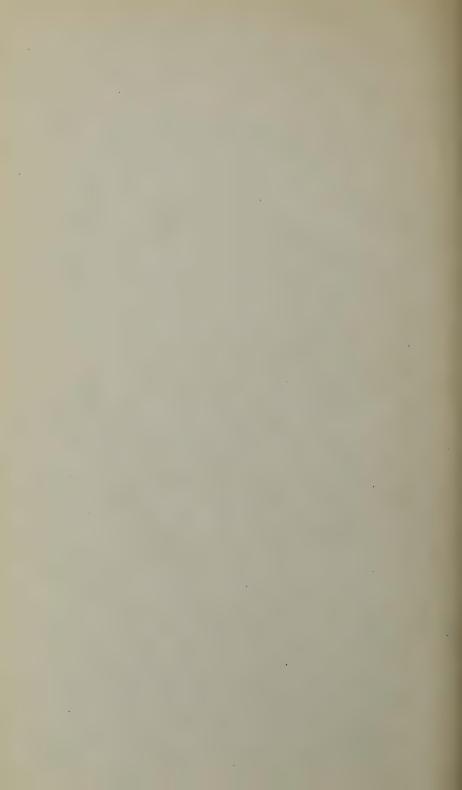
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN.



Selectmen's Report.

The year that has just closed has been one of large expenditures in some departments. The repairing of our Town Hall in putting the building in safe condition for all future time, and the expenditures incurred by the late war, in connection with Company K, have drawn very heavy upon our Town hall account and our contingent account. We felt justified in these expenditures, knowing that the citizens of the town would support us in our actions.

Our Highways are in good condition, when we consider the heavy storms that we have had to contend with. As an experiment we have placed a thin coat of broken stone or macadam on a section of Hamilton street from Main street to Crane street. Thus far it has given good results, and we would recommend a continuance of this work through Hamilton street, as we consider it more economical than gravel, and it gives us a better road.

Our sidewalks are in good condition, except where the old brick walks are still used. Some of these old walks are dangerous and must be repaired. All sidewalks vo'ed last spring are completed in a good, substantial way and are now public walks of the town and will last for many years. The railings and bridges of the town are in good repair, and with balances to the credit of these accounts, we recommend no appropriations for the present year.

The lighting of the streets of the town is becoming a very important factor, and the gemand for lights which is shown in the Town Warrant seems to us greater than the ability of the

Electric Light company to supply, judging from the fact that they have not furnished all the lights voted by the town heretofore. In regard to the water supply the late fire has demonstrated to us the importance of the location of another hydrant on Main street, thereby protecting the business part of the town more thoroughly. We would suggest to the water supply company that they extend their pipes more extensively, crossing the river at Globe Village, giving supply to the upper section of that village and again at Mechanics street bridge, supplying the families in that section.

In the recommendations for the different departments under our charge, we have asked for amounts which we consider reasonable to carry out the requirements of the different departments. We can also state with pleasure that no lawsuits are now pending against the town.

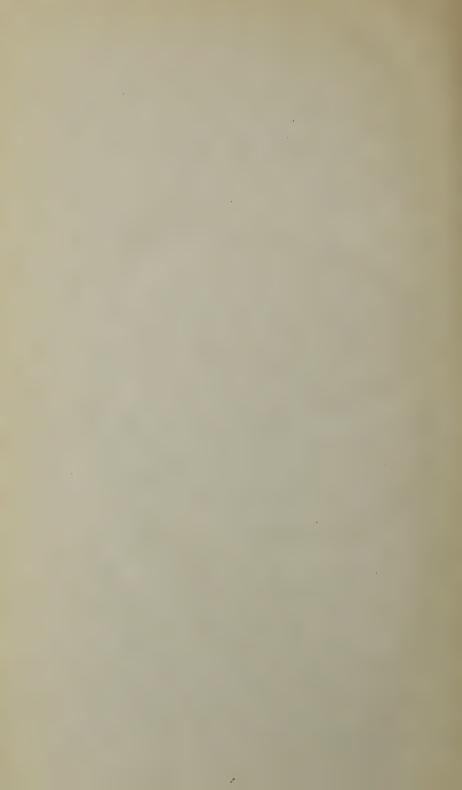
Southbridge has proven its loyalty during the late war with Spain. She performed her duty towards the brave boys that went to those southern battle fields and her patriotic spirit was with them when they returned. We are proud of Southbridge. She stands second to none in the Old Bay State.

J. M. OLNEY,THOS. SANDERS,W. C. CALLAHAN,Selectmen of Southbridge.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD * OF * HEALTH.



BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898.

Total number of deaths, exclusive of still-births,	212
Number of still-births,	4
Number of deaths of males,	121
Number of deaths of females,	94

DEATH RATE BY AGE.

Total.	Male.	Female.
53	32	21
12	7	5
6	4	2
2	I	I
0	0	0
6	5	I
5	I	4
9	3	6
II	3	8
9	5	4
13	9	4
21	II	10
21	7	14
18	5	13
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DE	ATH RATE	BY MONTHS.	
January,	13	July,	13
February,	. 14	August,	22
March,	18	September,	15
April,	19	October,	18
May,	25	November,	19
June,	18	December,	22
	CAUSES OF	DEATH.	
Consumption,	22	Diseases of kidney,	8
Diphtheria and croup	, 4	Diseases of heart,	14
Erysipelas,	0	Cancer,	0
Puerperal fever,	0	Accident,	I
Cholera infantum,	19	Suicide,	0
Diarrhœa,	I	Unknown and ill-defined	
Pneumonia,	5	causes,	64
Bronchitis,	7	All other causes,	40
Diseases of brain,	37		

There have been a few cases of typhoid fever, mostly of mild tpye.

Of contagious and infectious diseases there have been a few cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria.

[Public Statutes, Chap. 8c, Sect. 78, Acts of 1884, Chap. 68, and Acts of 1891, Chap. 188.]

(1) When a householder knows that a person within his family is sick of small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or any other disease dangerous to the public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the selectmen or board of health of the town in which he dwells, and upon the death, recovery or removal of such persons the rooms occupied and the articles used by him shall be disinfected by such householder in a manner

approved by the board of health. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with either of the above provisions shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

(2.) When a physician knows that a person whom he is called to visit is infected with small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or any other disease dangerous to public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof in writing, over his own signature, to the selectmen or board of health of the town; and if he refuses or neglects to give such notice he shall forfeit for each offense not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars.

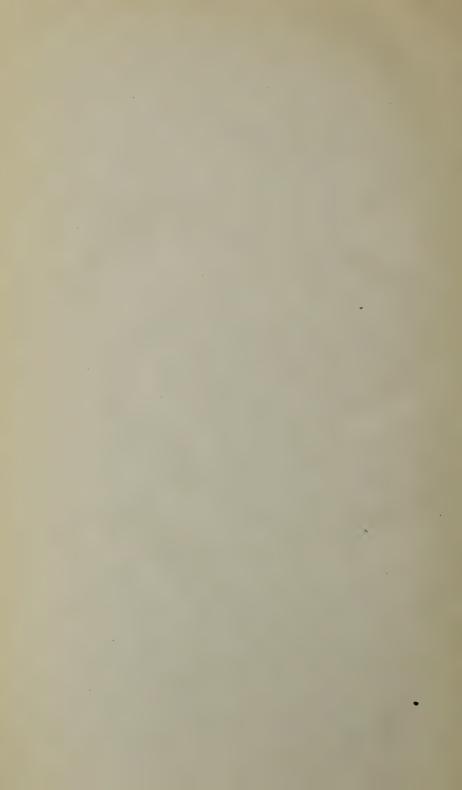
Membraneous croup is diphtheria of the larynx, and as such should be reported as diphtheria.

A proper regard for the principles of quarantine and disinfection in cases of infectious and contagious diseases may prevent much in the way of sickness and death.

Respectfully,

F. H. OLIN, M. D.

Secretary of Board of Health.



LIST OF JURORS.

List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen to be submitted for revision and acceptance at the annual Town Meeting to be held April 3, 1899.

Angell, I. O.

Ammidown, L. E.

Beecher, H. R.

Boyer, Alex. Jr.,

Booth, William

Boardman, Romain

Chamberlain, Elmer D.

Chamberlain, Dwight

Chace, E. E.

Clemence, J. E.

Cheney, H. S.

Cheney, Geo. M.

Chandler, W. A.

Chipman, O. B. E.

Chamberlain, Sylvanus

Clemence, L. D.

Cronin, Thomas

Cheney, W. H. H.

Chamberlain, Andrew M.

Clemence, Herbert A.

Daniels, Augustus

Darling, Eugene L.

Davis, Salem W.

Dennis, Paul

Dillaber, M. L.

Dresser, G. K.

Dresser, Geo. A.

Dresser, Geo. L.

Duquette, L. N.

Davis, Linus F.

Dalton, Patrick M.

Durfee, H. D.

Dakin, E. F.

Dinan, Henry

Eccleston, Wm. H.

Egan, James K.

Egan, Michael

Freeman, H. J.

Flood, Mathew

Farland, Antoine

Farquhar, John

Flynn, Lawrence

Geer, H. L.

Gagnon, Joseph

Goodell, U. A.

Gatineau, Felix

Gay, Ernest L.

Gelineau, Joseph

Harwood, Elmer E.

Hall, Charles W.

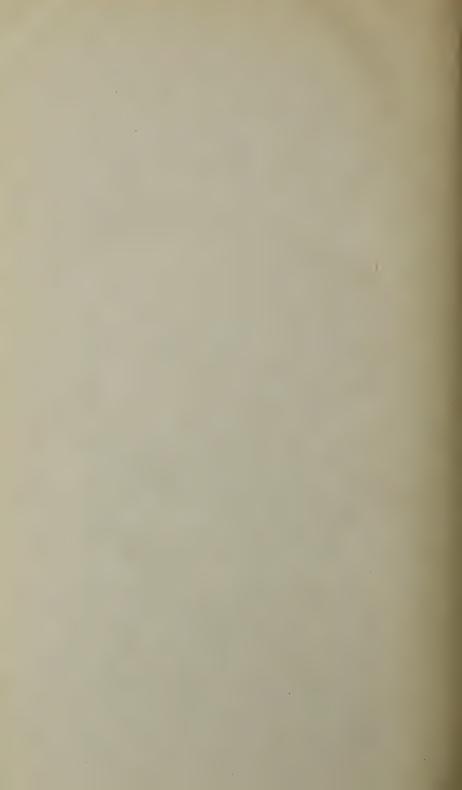
Hogan, John J.

Hardenber, Wm. E.

Hughes, Thomas Hancock, Geo. Harrington, John Hancock, Daniel Hyde, Charles Hefner, John E. Holmes, Fred L. Hyde, A. L. Johnson, A. J. Jackson, N. N. Kennedy, Wm. T. Lamoureux, G. E. J. Lusignan, Adolph Lamoureux, Wilfred Lareau, Joseph N. Lawson, Roger C. LeClair, P. N. Lyon, Otis F. Litchfield, H. L. Morse, H. P. Marcy, Zenas A. Morrissey, James Merritt, T. C. Mason, James H. McGrath, Thomas Morris, Andrew J. Morse, Silas B. McGilpin, John C. Mansfield, Geo. E. Mason, Henry

Nichols, Frank B. Newell, Norval Newell, H. V. Olds, A. W. Oldham, H. P. Frue, Joseph E. Pelton, Albert L. Plimpton, Manning Plimpton, Lorenzo Richard, Stephen Ryan, John Ryan, Ferd F. Ryan, Thomas H. Shumway, Clarence P. Smith, J. M. Simpson, George Sibley, Lyman E. Seavey, William Seavey, William A. Torrey, E. T. Tully, Michael J. Thompson, Azel Tetreault, F. X. Vinton, Charles M. Varner, Hugh Williams, Charles W. Whittaker, Henry Winter, G. L. Wells, A. B.

TOWN WARRANT.



TOWN WARRANT.

Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Southbridge, in the County of Worcester, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge, aforesaid, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Southbridge, on Monday the third day of April at nine o'clock in the forencon, to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

- ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, viz: Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Board of Health, Assessors, School Committee, Auditors of Accounts, Cemetery Committee. Library Committee, a Sinking Fund Commissioner and Constables.
- ART. 3. To vote by ballot "Yes or No" in answer to the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town."
- ART. 4. To hear the reports of the Auditors of Accounts, Treasurer, Clerk, Selectmen, Library Committee, and act thereon.
- ART. 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and charges, the ensuing year, or act thereon.
- ART. 6. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes paid within a certain period, or act thereon.
- ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of taxes, as will

be found necessary to meet the current expenses of the year, or act thereon.

- ART. 8. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as posted and presented by the Selectmen, or act thereon
- ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to pay the engine men for the ensuing year, or act thereon.
- ART. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the observance of Memorial Day, or act thereon.
- ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to pay an Electrician for the ensuing year, or act thereon.
- ART. 12. To see if the town will fix the compensation of town officers, laborers and teams for the ensuing year, or act thereon.
- ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to transfer from Cliff street appropriation \$101.40, from special school house repairs \$128.32, from Mechanic street extension \$63.09, from Summer street sidewalk \$27.87, from repairs Police Station \$16.68, from Coombs street \$16.62, from relocating Sandersdale road \$5.72, from Sayles street sidewalk \$3.50, from Lens street sidewalk \$1.22, from sidewalk between Park and Summer streets \$0.55, from Everett street sidewalk \$46.89, to unappropriated funds, or act thereon.
- ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to transfer from unappropriated funds to sewer, Main and Marcy streets, \$106.39, to Marcy street sidewalk \$263.85, to Chapin street sidewalk \$154.16, to High street extension sidewalk \$159.00, to Chestnut street sidewalk \$140.59, to Benefit sidewalk \$20.25, to Pine street sidewalk \$7.45, or act thereon.
- ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to build a section of sewerage for the new Parochial School building, beginning at manhole front of school house on Marcy street, through Marcy street to Edwards street, through Edwards street to-

ward Pine street a distance of 250 feet, raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to build a new engine house on the lot on Main street, where the old brick school house now stands, according to plans and specifications which will be presented at the meeting, raise and appropriate therefor or act anything regarding the same.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to build an addition to the High School department of the Town Hall, according to plans and specifications herewith presented, raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to make general repairs on Poor Farm buildings, also to put in steam heat, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything regarding the same.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to lay out and build a new town way, viz: Beginning at the easterly end of the westerly section of Dresser street, thence easterly over land of Mrs. Ellen J. Bartholomew to westerly end of easterly section of said Dresser street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.

ART. 20. To see if the town will accept and adopt the provisions of Chapter 97 of the Acts of 1891 as amended by Chapter 380 of the Acts of 1893 and by Chapter 274 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the apportionment of sewer assessments, or act thereon.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to straighten and widen Fiske street, also to extend the location of said street about 750 feet; raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to accept the short street running from River street to Cliff street over land of C. W. Weld, raise and appropriate money to pay for the same or act thereon.

- ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to accept the two streets running north from Main street through land of Geo. W. Wells to be called Maple and Walnut streets, or act anything regarding the same.
- ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to work to its full width River street, between l'leasant street and Mill street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act anything regarding the same.
- ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to build a concrete sidewalk, stone-curbing, on the south-easterly side of Main street, from the entrance of Oak Ridge Cemetery to Chestnut street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to build a concrete sidewalk, stone-curbing, on the northerly side of Charlton City road from Charlton street or road to land of Francis Livenoye, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to build a concrete sidewalk on the easterly side of Morris street, from Main street to F. O. Letcher's big block, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to establish an electric arc light on Charlton City road near residence of Phillip Degenais, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon
- ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to establish an electric arc light on Coombs street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to establish three incandescent lights on Marcy street, one between Edwards and Hamilton streets and two between Edwards and Main streets, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to establish two incandescent lights on Edwards street, between Marcy and Ham-

ilton streets, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act there-on.

- ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to establish an electric arc light on Central street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to establish an electric arc light at the junction of Elm street and Eastford road, in front or near the store of Wm. Chicoine, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.
- ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to establish an electric arc light at the corner of Williams and Chapin streets, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof twice in the Southbridge Journal, Herald and Press, the first publication being not less than nine days next preceding the day of the meeting.

The polls will be open at 9 o'clock, A. M., and close at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place hereinbefore named.

Given under our hands this 21st day of March, A. D., 1899.

J. M. OLNEY,
THOS. SANDERS,
W. C. CALLAHAN,
Selectmen
of
Southbridge.

A true copy. Attest:

MARCUS L. DILLABER, Constable of Southbridge

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